

JUST a number?



QUIVER 2010

■ SO, WHAT COUNTS? ■

Is it just what people see?

seniors **08** | juniors **34** | sophomores **48** | freshmen **62** | faculty **78**

Is it just what we do?

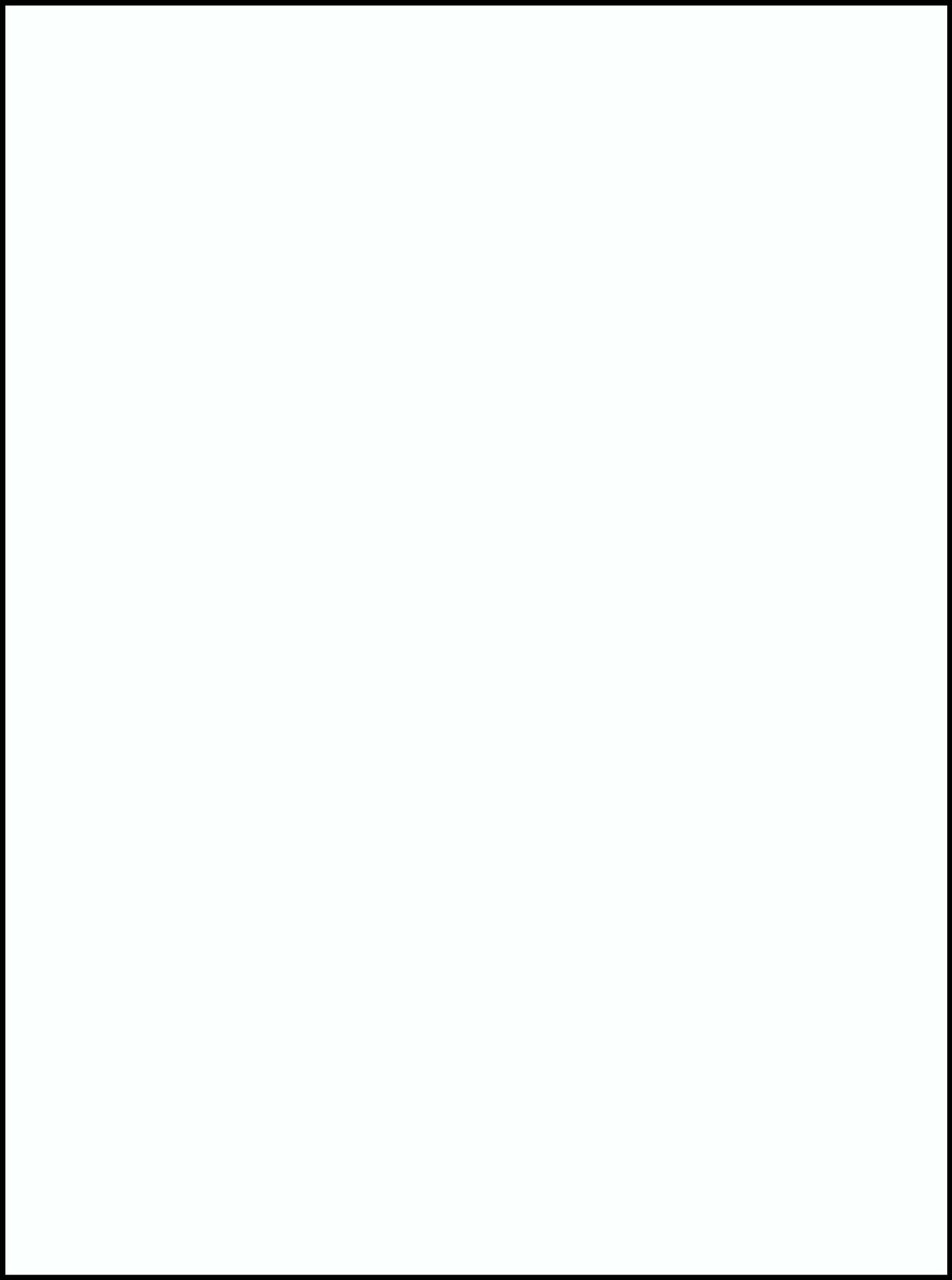
academics **90** | clubs **120** | events **144** | sports **172**

It's just who I am.

profiles **236**

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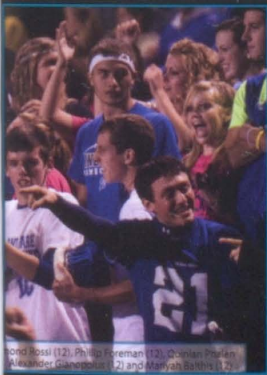
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3,217 students

197 faculty and staff

Quiver 2010



David Rossi (12), Phil Foreman (12), Alexander Gumpert (12) and Maryann Balthus (12)



Maxwell Faulkner (11) and David Picioski (11)



Ashley Klein (11)

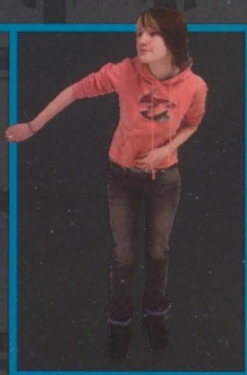
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"I really don't care what other people think. If you spend your life living for them, then they're living your life for you," William Barry (10) said.



"I am different because of my personality. I have a laid back type of personality that a lot of people don't have anymore. Who would want to be like everyone else? Live your own life, and don't worry about what others think," Jillian Spivak (11) said



Andrew "Wee Man" Jansky (9) plays the melo-
phone for Pep Band at a basketball game. "I was
the shortest one in all of marching band," Jansky
said. Photo by: Jen Gamboa

Students work on homework together during
SRT in one of the modular classrooms. LC now has
20 new mobile classrooms off the freshmen center.
Photo by: Cesar Pulido



Cody Barnes (11) smiles at Adam Karcz (12) at the Homecoming game. Students attended the game all decked-out with school spirit despite the rain. Photo by Jen Gamboa

A number is perhaps the most common way to summarize just about anything. We see numbers everywhere. They condense how much something is worth, how well or badly we've done. They tell nearly everything from the time to our shoe size. But how do we know which ones really count?

When the referendum was proposed, the very fate of our school rested on the shoulders of numbers: it would cost \$95 million to renovate the school, we would have 24 new classrooms to the already 433,570 square foot building. If not, we would have to add another set of mobile classrooms just to contain our soaring capacity. All anyone talked about was Lake Central this, Lake Central that. But there was one common theme through all of the conversations, debates and public declarations of support or nonsupport. It was all about the numbers.

It was all about how many students attend LC and how much it would cost to knock some walls down and put some new ones up. And then after the referendum failed, it was all about the 12 new, temporary classrooms being stuck to the side of the school like a piece of gum under a desk.

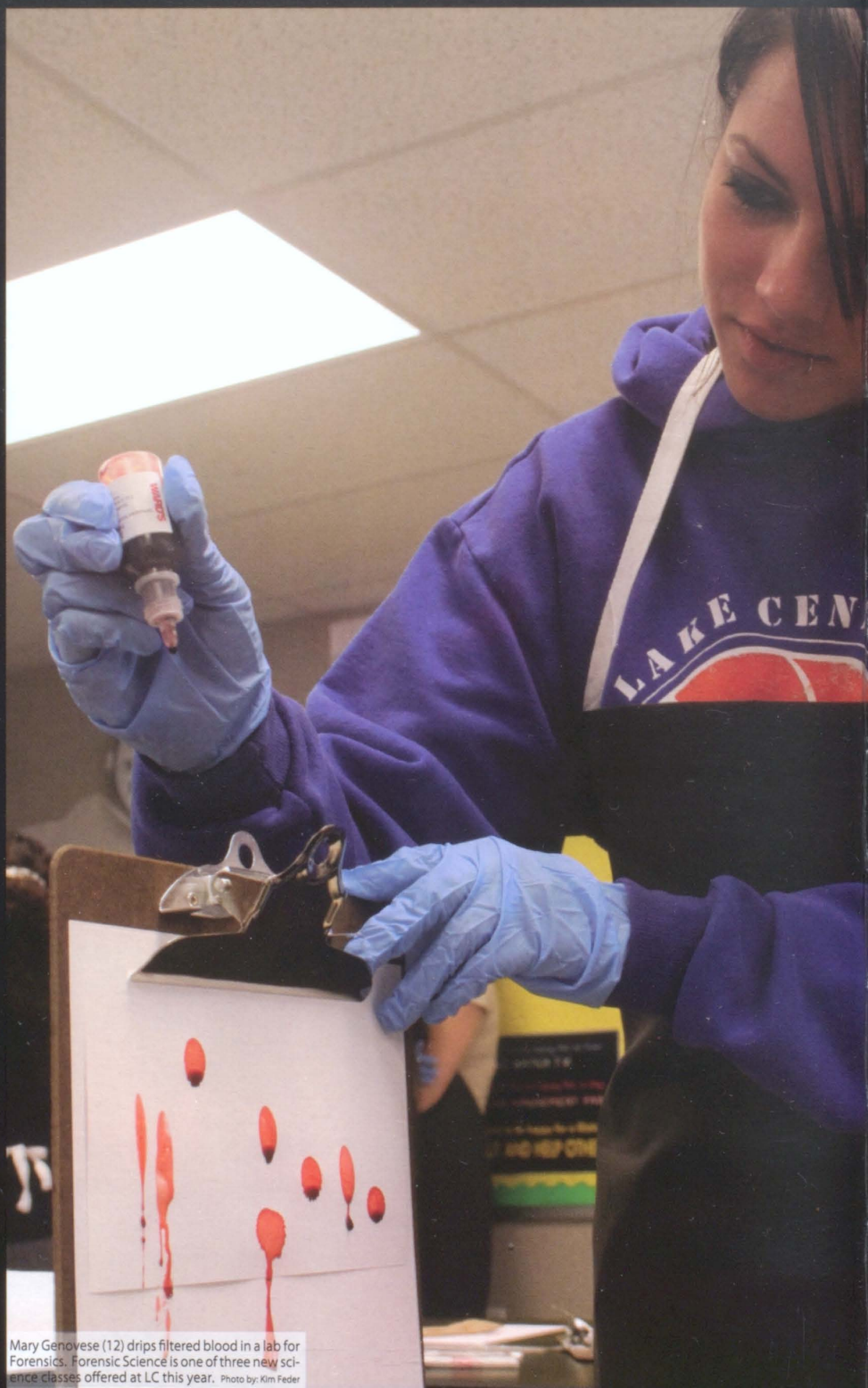
We rolled into school on the brink of a new decade with only a new cafeteria and even less space. Every student should be allotted 230 square feet of space, but we only have 160. And all anyone sees of us is the mass of kids being stuffed into a school a few sizes too small.

JUST a number?

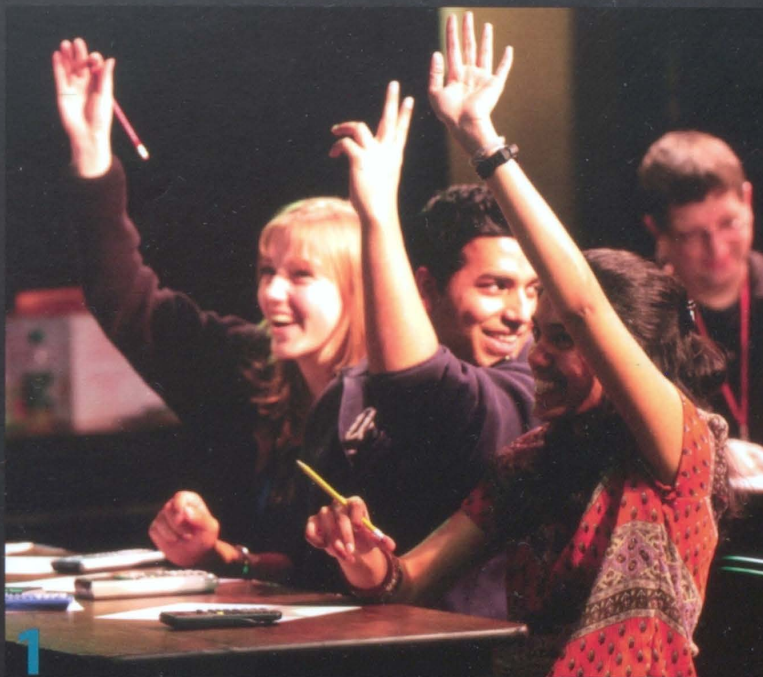
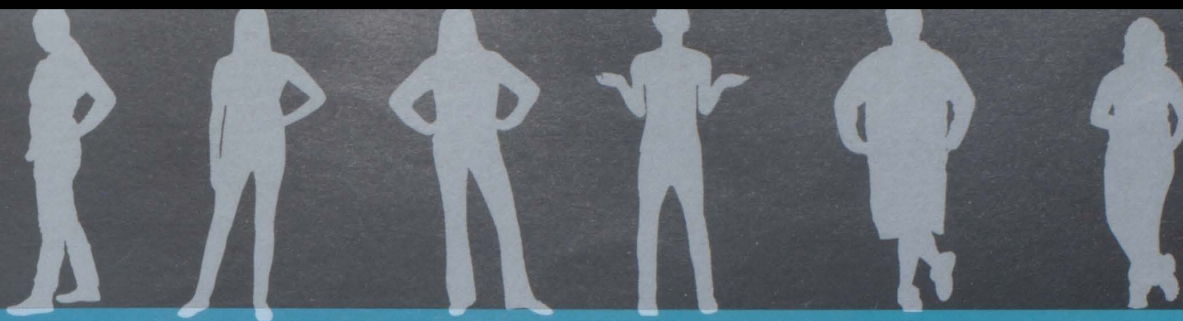
Every morning, 3,217 students and 192 faculty members come to one building in 80 buses and 602 cars during 183 weekdays for 1,263 hours from August to June. Multiply that by four years.

Pushing past the blue and orange lockers of E-Hall and finally getting into E116 from the far reaches of the Freshmen Center, sitting down in Miss Rhonda York's, English, speech class, we see the 89% we scored on our demonstration speech. After school, at track practice running as fast as possible around the fieldhouse, Mr. Ron Fredrick, English, tells us our time: 4:58, just short of the 4:56.2 record. Standing in the new lunch lines in the new cafeteria, forgetting our ID card, we list off our unique seven-digit code that sticks with us from the minute we enroll into a Lake Central school. Twice a year we receive our report cards with our GPA, the number that supposedly sums up our entire in-school performance. These are the numbers that define us within the walls of the building; who we are to the outside.

But there are other, more important numbers in each of our lives that never make newspaper articles or college transcripts. The number of hours spent with our best friends at Round the Clock, the number of laughs we shared over inside jokes that make sense to no one else. The number of trips we take to the library for one term paper — these are the real numbers. No one sees these because they're never recorded. They're our individual statistics, and they define us as more than just another one in 3,217.



Mary Genovese (12) drips filtered blood in a lab for Forensics. Forensic Science is one of three new science classes offered at LC this year. Photo by Kim Feder



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2



3

Life is not a
video game.
Flip the switch.
Go out and be
all you can be.

Carlo Demma (11) said.



1 Kristen Flens (11), Rohit Chhokar (12), and Arthi Venhevanden (11) compete in the math portion of Academic Superbowl. Academic Superbowl is made up of six teams. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

2 Jacob Green (11) welds metal during Machine Shop. Machine Shop students spend fifteen hours a week in machine class. Photo by: Emily DeMario

3 Rylee Sullivan (11) wipes extra glaze off of her portrait tile during Ceramics I. The tile will eventually go up on the portrait wall in C-Hall. Photo by: Alli Dockweiler



A group of students, mostly boys, are shown cheering and celebrating. They are wearing blue and white clothing, some with "SPAR" and "SPEED" logos. The background is dark, and the overall mood is energetic and joyful.

Is it JUST what people see?

You may have driven by and seen our 20 trailer classrooms or looked at our football field that faces the wrong direction. You've probably heard countless stories or heard more than one version of a certain newspaper scandal.

You may have even heard that students are packed into the building like sardines in a can. But no matter how many comments you may make online or in the paper or to other people, you don't know us. You've never even been in the trailers, and you've never fought through E-Hall during a passing period.

Maybe our outer appearance isn't up to your standards; and yes, our school could use some updates. We've already tried once, and yes, our endeavors may have failed, but our average class size is still 25. Our teachers still know us all by name. It isn't like there are just "too many" of us to have friends. In a small school, certain kids might never find their group or their place. But here, we have tons of choices.

All you see are the numbers, the many, many numbers. But what do we see? We see our friends, our teachers, the people who get us through each grueling 7:15 morning.

To us, it doesn't matter that there are 3,217 of us. To us, we are 3,217 strong,

and we don't care what other schools and other people think about us. People always say, the more the merrier, and for us that statement holds true. We're louder, prouder and have more obnoxious school spirit than anyone else.

Even during our rainy homecoming game, while our football team was losing, people stayed, cheered and crowd surfed. At one point during the game, while a boy had been crowd surfing for a while, we heard him yell over the noise of the crowd, "I don't even go here!" with a burst of laughter. Anyone, even someone who was only at our school for a few hours experienced a crazy and crowded time.

We have 3,217 personalities to meet and get along with. We have 3,217 options and 3,217 opportunities to make friends.

So does it really matter that we sometimes go to class in makeshift trailer classrooms? Does pushing through hallways during passing periods make us any less superior?

No, because that doesn't make us any worse than anyone else. In fact, it makes us more interesting.

Don't judge a school by its numbers.

This is our school. We know it better than anyone else. The numbers don't tell everything.

It's just what people see.

Junior and senior boys watch a basketball game against Chesterton in December. "The Chesterton game was better than usual because LC won on a shot as time expired," Samuel Pattison (11) said. Photo by: Jen Gamboa



Chris Zaglaras (12) cheers during the Homecoming football game. As a senior, Zaglaras got to stand in front row of the superfan section. Photo by: Giola's Photography



CLASS OF 2010

SENIORS

a final goodbye

the facts

711 seniors on the first day of school
028 senior English classes
017 senior class cabinet members

As much as seniors may hate to say it, they're still in high school. They still attend school with fifteen-year-olds (some they just can't stand), and they still have to be inside the familiar walls of LC starting at 7:15 a.m. to 2:09 p.m. Monday through Friday.

But luckily for seniors, they finally have a light at the end of the tunnel. They're applying to colleges, finding jobs and planning for life after high school. After three long years of being the underdogs, they've at last earned their morning spots in upper E-Hall, and

received their parking passes for the main high school lot.

Their front row spots at the football and basketball games let the rest of the grades know who they are: the seniors. They cheer the loudest, have their own t-shirts and get all the special privileges.

And as seniors, 2010 is their year. In this new decade some of the biggest moments of their lives will happen, and after three years at LC, they're ready. College is peering over the horizon and it's time to go and say hello. It's just a new beginning.

the editors



"My classes are easier this year, but there is more pressure for college. I'm definitely ready to go to college and start a new life," Kellie Butler (12) said.



"[I've] just been trying to have as much fun as possible before it's over," Brandon Hanchar (12) said.



"It's a blast. I wish I had not taken all the ridiculous classes I took and gotten all the college stuff out of the way," Rachel Peyton (12) said.



"The only advice I have for underclassmen is to always try your hardest with academics and take the chance to volunteer," Laura Herman (12) said.



"The thought of leaving my friends and going to college is sad, but we all are going off to bigger and better things," Yesenia Munoz (12) said.



"My senior year is amazing because I'm with all of my closest friends for my final year in high school," Charles Quinn (12) said.



"Being a senior is stressful. There's a lot of work and college applications, but I'm ready," Christie Callahan (12) said.



"I'm actually excited for new challenges and experiences [during college]," Sergio Perez (12) said.



"It's the waiting that's killing me. You feel like you've served your four years and that they are up," Caitlin Amescua (12) said.



Niokolina Ajder (12) gets crowned as senior Homecoming Queen during the halftime break at the Homecoming game. She and her king, Keith Thompson (12), had their literal "crowning moment" together. Photo by: Gioia's Photography



Alexander Gianopolus (12) carries a box of food for the food drive. Along with other students in Interact, Gianopolus picked up food from houses in Briar Ridge and helped distribute it to food banks. Photo by: Megan Lynch



Katherine Gergets (12) and Leilani Castaneda (12) buy tickets for the Winter Formal on January 30. Because of their senior status, they were able to buy their tickets before juniors and sophomores. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz



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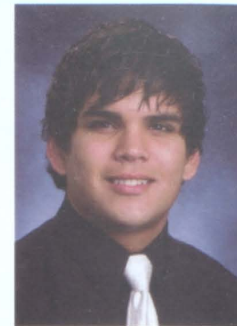
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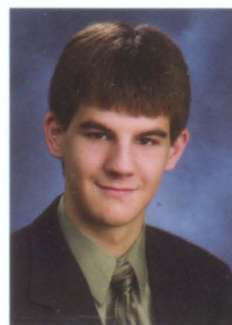
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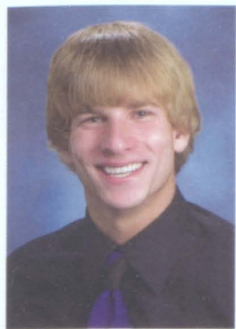
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Kaitlyn Boecker



Keith Boersma



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Mark Bottger



Constantine Boulazeris



Bianca Bova



Elise Boyd



Alyssa Boyle



Brittney Brady



Michael Brandner



Derrick Bremer



Ariel Bribiesca



Kevin Bridegroom



Celina Bronson



Heather Brook

KENNETH COUWENHOVEN

I have **1** brother.
 I have been to **3** different countries.
 I have been to **7** states.
 I have **2** cats.
 I have broken **3** bones.
 Favorite number: **35**.
 I am **6** feet **3** inches tall.
 I have **1** sister.
 I have factured **1** bone.
 I am **18** years old.
 I have been a Cubs fan for **18** years.
 I weigh **170** pounds.
 I play **2** sports.
 I have been in the LC corporation for **12** years.





Marc Brouillette



Richard Brown



Megan Budimir



Laura Budz



Jordan Butkus



Kellie Butler



Brandon Byrd



Natalie Bzdyl



Joseph Calderaro



Kaitlyn Caldwell



Christie Callahan



Rogelio Camarena



Nicholas Campioni



Samara Candreva



Mark Cannon



Michael Cap Jr.



Jason Capua



Nicole Cardinal



Brooke Carnahan



Joshua Carpenter



Ashley Carstensen



Leilani Castaneda



Andrea Castillo



Haylie Chapman



Pukhrajjeet Chhokar



Seth Childers



Ashley Chiluski



Nicholas Cialdella



Anthony Cicchirillo



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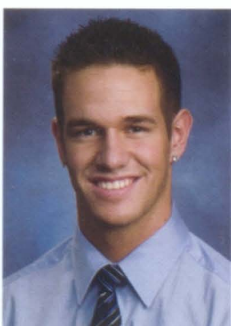
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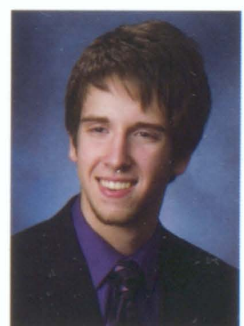
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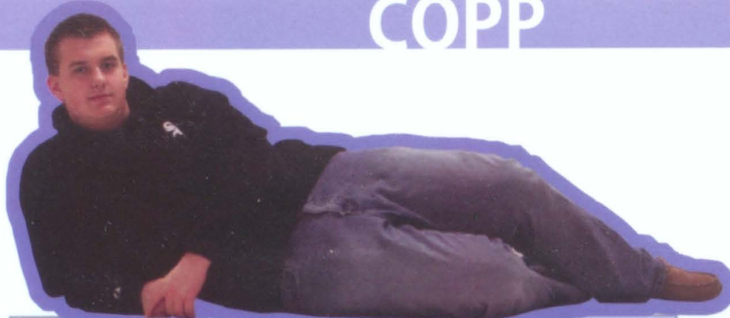


Kristina DeLorta



Emily DeMario

COREY COPP



I have **1** sibling. I am **6** feet tall.
 I have been playing soccer for **12** years.
 I have been working at Villa Cesare for **5** years.
 My shoe size is **11**.
 I have been to **65** White Sox games.
 I have been to **44** states.
 I have lived in **2** towns in my life.
 I have **0** pets. I have broken **4** bones.



Amanda Dernulc



Rebecca DeYoung



Fabian Diaz



Katelyn Diehl



Joseph Dimaggio, Jr.



Nicole Dinell



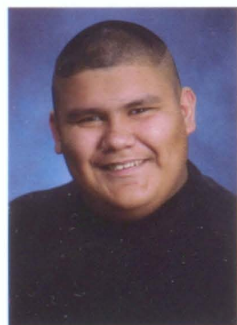
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Mario Dominguez



Ashley Doreski



Michelle Dosen



Michael Downey



Dylan Drever



Katarzyna Dudzik



Megan Dunn



Danielle Durochik



Blake Early



Jillian Egipciano



Jacob Egli



Marc Escobedo



Mariana Escue



Kimberly Estry



Charles Evans



Jackson Fagan



Emily Fanno



Mallorie Fazio



Dominic Fianza



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Michael Flores



Jake Ford



Phillip Foreman



Suzanne Foreman



Nicholas Formoso



Maureen Forsythe



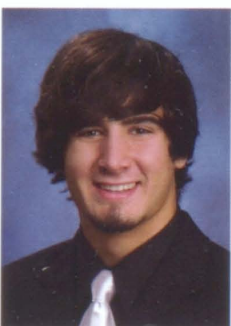
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Justin Frank



Jasmine Frazier



Seth Frey



Michael Frick



Brittany Gadus

16 Point average in a basketball game for Keith Thompson(12)

SENIORS

| 1 Senior graduation

| \$30 :the cost for graduation cap and gown



Cristina Galka



Kaitlyn Galka



Steven Galka



Jennifer Gamboa



Jonathan Ganiyu



Stephen Garcia



Joya Gardner



Alyce Gargas



Demitria Garibay



Alyssa Gawlinski



Emilio Gazca



Melissa Gbur



Hilary Genova



Mary Genovese



Kristen George



Katherine Gergets



Alexander Gianopolus



Jacob Gibbons



Cody Gillespie



Samantha Gindl



Matthew Ginkel



Kelsey Giordano



Meridith Gjeldum



Ashley Goad



Kevin Gombos



Lino Gomez



Thomas Gonsiorowski



Kara Gonzalez



Vanessa Gonzalez



Vaio Goulionis



Chelsea Grady



Kyle Grady



Kenneth Greene



Kayla Greenwell



Kaitlyn Greenwood



Anthony Griffin



Elaine Grimm



Lauren Grisham



Alyssa Grkinich



Ryan Grunewald



Brittany Grzesik



Ryan Grzyb



Scott Gulbranson



Gregory Gut



Esteban Gutierrez



Anthony Gwiazda



Taylor Haack



Emily Haddad



Megan Halajcsik



Michael Halloran

21 World Literature classes

36 Seniors donated at blood drive

SENIORS

3 AP Calculus classes

40 Senior winter sport athletes

35 Hours of school per week



Megan Hammer



Brandon Hanchar



Eric Hanck



Brett Hankins



Adam Hansen



Jillian Hansen



Shelby Hansen



Jay Harris



Magdaline Harris



Jacob Harrison



Nicholas Hartog



Joel Haupt



Daniel Heath



Kristina Hemmerling



Ryan Hennessey



Sarah Henry



Kevin Herald



Laura Herman



Carlos Hernandez



Keegan Hernandez



Lisbeth Hernandez



Jason Hero



Lyanne Herrera



Valerie Hill



Leith Hobbs



Emily Hogg



Keith Holem



Brandon Holmes



Corey Homcho



Adriel Hoogveen



Kevin Horecky



Cara Howes



Samantha Howes



Alexis Hoye



Julie Hryniowiecki



Adam Hughes



Ryan Hunter



Chenda Ing



Phalla Ing



David Inglis



Sarah Jacobsma



Peter Janiga, Jr



Joseph Jastreboski



Christopher Jelewski

STEPHANIE DOLCI



I have **3** sisters.
My favorite number is **35**.
I have **1** very distinctive laugh.
I have **3** beauty marks.
I had **1** surgery.
I have **2** snowmobiles, **1** boat, and **1** golfcart.
I have moved **3** times.

27 Days off school

92 Trophies in E201

41 Goggles in V108

SENIORS

2400 Grams of Baking Soda in V108

426 Senior parking passes in the front



Justin Jimenez



Brittany Johnson



Caleb Johnson



Kyle Johnson



Courtney Jones



Michaleen Jones



Kyle Jukes



Elizabeth Kapocius



Adam Karcz



Alyssa Kasper



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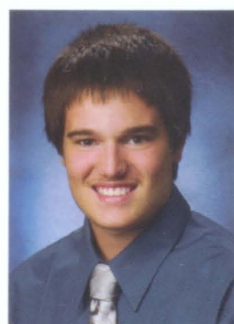
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Andrea Kras



Ashley Kristevski



Aaron Krivanek



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Katherine Krull



Rachel Kucera



Kurt Kudrecki



Brian Kuehle



Nicole Kuehner



Samantha Kuhlman



Jared Kullmann



Nicole Kunis



Katarina Kuoppala



Michael Lambertino



Lissa Landini



Mason Landl



Jamen Lane



Douglas Lannin



Jarrett Lantz



Megan Larson



Steven Lasky



Bryan Lazaroff



Ryan Lelek



Anthony Lencioni



Connor Lewis



Ian Linden



Kyle Lisek



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170 Dollars for Scholars members

23 Innertubes in the pool

SENIORS

106 Hurdles for track and field games

183 Days in the 2009-2010 school year



Christopher Lopez



Dominick Lopez



Melinda Lopez



Girolamo Lucido



Chase Ludington



Andres Luna



Jason Macnak



Rachel Madsen



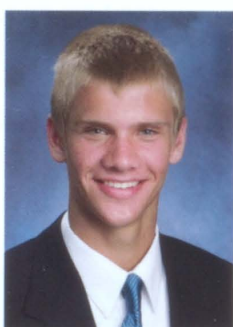
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David Makowski



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Dane Malm



Joel Mance



Nolan Mancera



Kaley Marcinak

DAVID MAKOWSKI

I am **5** feet **7** inches tall.

I am **18** years old.

I have been to **10** states.

I have **2** ferrets.

My birthday is **9/15/91**.

I moved here in **8**th grade.

I have **4** siblings.

I have **2** dogs.

I've moved over **10** times.

I have had **8** jobs since I was **14**.



Alyssa Markiewicz



Zachary Marlett



Amelia Marmolejo



Rebecca Martens



Jacqueline Martinez



Kristine Martinez



Nicolas Martinez



Kelli Marx



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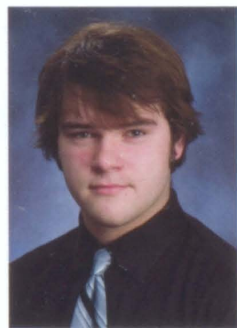
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Stephanie Mikolajczyk



Christine Miller



Luke Miller



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Matthew Miller



Tyler Mills



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Marina Milutinovic



Sarah Mitchell



Devin Moore



Jessica Moore



Alicia Moricz



Samantha Morin



Arielle Morris



Robert Morris



Edgar Mota



Magdaline Mouratides



Stephanie Mulholland



Zachary Mullaney



Kristine Mulligan



Yesenia Munoz



Erin Myers



Vlade Nacovski



Michael Nalezny



Zachary Nava



Raven Neal



Justin Nesbitt



Salvador Nevarez



Charity Newsome



Andrew Nicholl



Sarah Niedzwiecki



Krystal Nigro



Amy Nohos



Justin Nondorf



Jeffrey Nottingham



Michael Nugent



Sean O'Brien



Ashley O'Connor



Rory O'Day



Andrew O'Leary



Ryan O'Leary



Courtney O'Malley



Kayci Odanovich



Ashley Olenik



Nicholas Ollearis



Joelle Opyt



Kyle Ovanek



Stephanie Pacheco



Milos Paravinja



Tommy Paschen



Deep Patel



Krina Patel



Dana Payonk



Samantha Pazak



John Pedersen



Emily Peppin



Sergio Perez



Jose Perez, Jr



Tylor Perry



Mitchell Peters



Daniel Peterson



Shelbee Peterson



Aleksandar Petkovich



Kyle Petre



Rachel Peyton



Quinlan Phalen



Casey Phillips



Michelle Phillips



Jason Piercy



Thomas Pilarczyk



Monica Pineda-Acuna



Kali Pittman



Tara Placier



Megan Plenus



Frank Pluskota



Brooke Polus



Jacob Ponton



Lindsey Prendergast



Zachary Propper



Timothy Pruim



Vincent Pucci



Michael Pupillo



Eva Purnick



Alexandra Quilici



Britiana Quintero



Brandon Race



Barbara Racich



Matthew Radencic



Michael Radjenovic



Marc Radovich



James Rainbolt



Jessica Ramirez



Luis Ramirez



Brooke Rangel



Jacqueline Rangel



Sarah Ranieri



Steven Rassel



Megan Rastovsky



Vincent Ratulowski



Alena Rau



Richard Reasons



Stephanie Reato



Daniel Recupido

OZIEL FERREIRA

I have **2** siblings.

I have gone to **6** different schools.

I have been to **1** other country.

I've had **4** phones.

I work **45** hours per week.

I am **17** years old.

I am **5** feet **6** inches tall.

I have **6** pairs of shoes.

I have been to **27** states.

I have broken **1** bone.

I spend **15** minutes doing my hair.



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Lessie Reeves



Lauren Resendiz



Raquel Revis



Alaina Reynolds



Shannen Reynolds



Sarah Richards



Allison Riddering



Garrett Rietveld



Silvia Rios



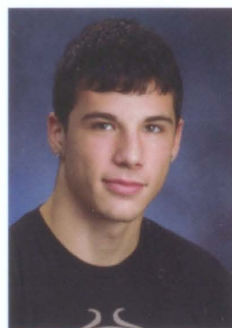
Alexandria Rivera



Audrey Robertson



Michael Robinson



William Robinson



Vincent Roche



Carly Rodgers



Alaina Rodriguez



Kelleigh Romba



Raymond Rossi



Abigail Rowley



Molly Rupp



Kevin Rush



Kaitlyn Ryan



Joseph Rybicki



Robert Ryder



Jessica Sanchez



Jill Sanders



Emily Sarbieski



Taylor Saulesbury



Jacob Scarnavack



Kristina Schafer



Andrea Schmidt



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Katie Sexton



Michael Sheets



Matthew Shultz



Stephanie Shupryt



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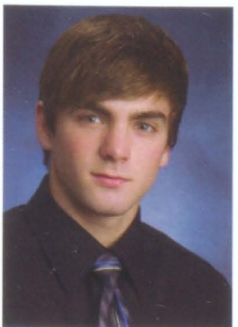
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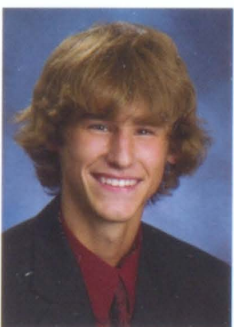
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Bryan Smith



Laurel Smith



Matthew Smith



Bethany Smitka



Michelle Smolen

1 Senior banquet dance

414 Minutes in a school day

SENIORS

8 Semesters of high school

47 Magazines ordered by the library each month

ANDREA KRAS



I have **0** siblings. I am **6** feet **7** inches tall.
 I have played basketball for **16** years.
 I am involved in **2** extracurriculars.
 My shoe size is **11-12**.
 I have had **∞** comments on my height.
 My jersey number is **45**.
 I have gone on **10** college campus visits.
 I have **3** pets. I have had **1** job.



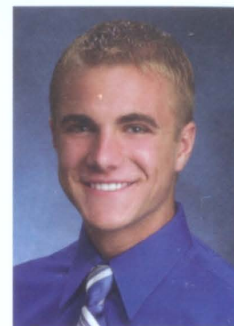
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Evan Stahr



Kaitlyn Stancy



Julia Stecyk



Steven Stepnoski



Kathryn Strohacker



Andrew Struck



Cameron Sweeney



Michelle Sweeney



Leigha Sweitzer



Bridget Swope



Brittini Szczecina



Nichole Szczerbowski



Robert Szwet



Ashlee Tancos



Samantha Tarrant



Jessica Tas



Erica Teumer



Thomas Teumer



Jeffery Tharp



Jessica Toyne



Alberto Trejo



Jeffery Trembacki



Antonio Trevino



Elias Tsiakopoulos



Kiana Turman



Kimberly Turoci



Britney Tuskan



Dalton Tussey



Fabian Urquiza



Steven Valentin



Laura VanCuren



Melissa Vanderbilt



Edward Vanek

4840 Seconds of the school day

43 Posters in E100

SENIORS

4

Ceramic art shows entered this year

4392

Minutes of passing period this year



Andrew Vegh



William Venturelli



Sarah Veronesi



John VerWey



David Vetoczky



Thomas Vienna



Kaysha Vos



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Kasey Wade



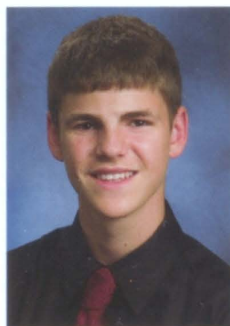
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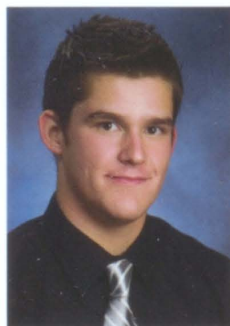
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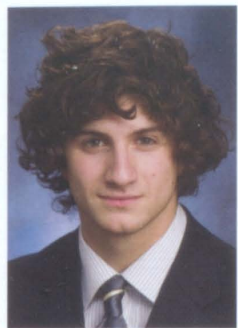
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Erica Yothment



Benjamin Young



Chris Zaglaras



Lisa Zandy



Daniel Zdzinicki



Thomas Zega



Amber Zendzian



Erin Zlotkowski



Daniella Zomparelli



Mary Zugovic

BARBARA RACICH

I am **5** feet **7** inches tall.

I have played basketball for **7** years.

I played softball for **6** years.

I have been dancing for **4** years.

I have **1/2** of my family living in Europe. I have been to at least **15** concerts.

I have **1** sister.

I have lived in St. John for **9** years.

I attended a Catholic school for **3** years.

I am **18** years old.

My favorite number is **22**.

I been best friends with my best friend for **10** years.





Neil Morgan (11) plays the marimba for Concert Band during their Winter Concert. Morgan followed cues from director Mr. Christopher Harmon during the performance of "Pulsation." Photo by Emma Marowski

JUNIORS

CLASS OF 2011

the challenge year

the facts

724 juniors on the first day of school

026 junior English classes

006 juniors in class cabinet

Juniors are the group of "almosts." They are almost seniors. They are almost the oldest. They are all almost to the end of their high school careers. Almost.

The junior class might always be right under the seniors, and before they can get to the top, they still have the toughest year of school to get through. Junior year is the first year of AP classes and tests, and most students start thinking about college or career choices to pick their classes.

PSAT's, SAT prep class and individual scheduling sessions remind juniors that their all-so-special

senior year is not too far out of reach. It might seem as if they will never achieve their senior status, but with senior year comes the responsibility of future planning. So juniors, let's not rush the good stuff.

Let's enjoy all of those moments at football games, in our favorite class, standing in our special "spot" in the hallway each morning, because those are the moments that we'll never get back, time only goes forward, not backward.

Juniors might be juniors, but they're almost done. It's just a year away.

the editors



"I think junior year is not that different. I like being able to take AP classes. I think junior year is just a bit more difficult," Nicolette Mehas (11) said.



"It's been a challenge trying to balance all my school work and having a social life," Natasha Ivanov (11) said.



"I really like being able to aide. I get a break from all of my other hard classes," Angelica Toporis (11) said.



"I like junior year because the classes are challenging. Mr. Holden's AP Psychology class is interesting," David O'Donnell (11) said.



"Junior year has been a bit different. There have been more difficult assignments," Samantha Sommer (11) said.



"I feel like we have more freedom, not just at school, but out of school as well," Miranda Peterson (11) said.



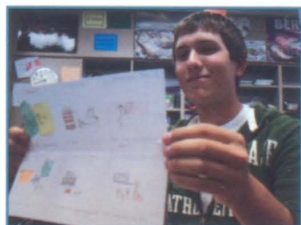
"Junior year is definitely better than sophomore year. We're higher up now, we have a little seniority now and that makes everything better," Hailee Babusiak (11) said.



"My junior year isn't hard at all. I like it better because of the seniority. My favorite class is Leisure Time Sports, I enjoy the break," Elizabeth Ramos (11) said.



"I think junior year is hard because there is a lot of pressure to get good grades so that I can get into a good college. Junior year has been very fun despite the pressures," Nicholas Favela (11) said.



Steven Roviato (11) holds up a short story he wrote in his German II class. All students in Mrs. Leslie Iwema's (better known as "Frau"), World Language, classes does lots of projects throughout the year to hone their German-speaking skills. Photo by: Lucas Rey



Adriana Guevara (11) gazes at animals on a farm she visits with fellow Public Relations students. The Public Relations class was organizing an event for the farm, and were able to learn about the farm on the afternoon field trip. Photo by: Arielle Morris



Kathleen Dienes (11) makes a poster for Dollars for Scholars breakfast week. The club organizes this week as a fundraiser for the scholarships that Dollars for Scholars give to graduating seniors each year. Photo by: Emily Hogg



Susan Abbasi



Kristie Adams



Nicholas Adams



Taylor Ahlgrain



Mohammed Al-Khalidi



James Albee



Amanda Albin



Anthony Albomonte



Josiah Allen



Zachary Alvarado



Anastasia Amanatidis



Megan Anderson



Courtney Andrews



Nicholas Anthony



Sarah Anthony



Allison Anton



Ashley Applegate



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Kennan Arvay



Lauren Ashenbrener



Elizabeth Avalos



Hailee Babusiak



Troy Babusiak



Michelle Baczkowski



Paulina Baczkowski



Catherine Baginski



Danielle Baker



Raymond Baker



Chelsey Banasiak



Emily Banning



Gilberto Barajas



Jessica Bardoczi



Tiffany Barker



Cody Barnes



Jonathon Barnes



Mark Barnes



Samantha Barnes



Mayra Barrera



Araceli Barrientez



Ian Bartlett



Adam Bastie



Arianna Batistatos



Ryan Beach



Shawn Beach



Anna Beggs



Aliesyn Benedict



Leslie Benitez



Jacqueline Berg



Jessica Berg



Joshua Berwanger



Dennis Biegel Jr



Ashley Bissonette



Meghan Blais



Sarah Blanchard



Adrianna Blanco



Camille Bobelenyi



Megan Bogie



Halley Bolinger



Blake Bonds



Tyler Bork



Jessica Bouma



Kelly Bourget



Sean Boyle



Trevor Bradtke



Chad Brandt



Jillian Brandt



Nicole Brann



Nicholas Broertjes



Allison Brooks



Adam Brown



Brandi Brown



Bryon Brumm



Frankie Burchett



Adam Burke



Ryan Byrne



Stephanie Calderon



Grace Calderone



Gretchen Calderone



Kameron Caldwell



Alexea Candreva



Michael Cap Jr



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Cynthia Carroll



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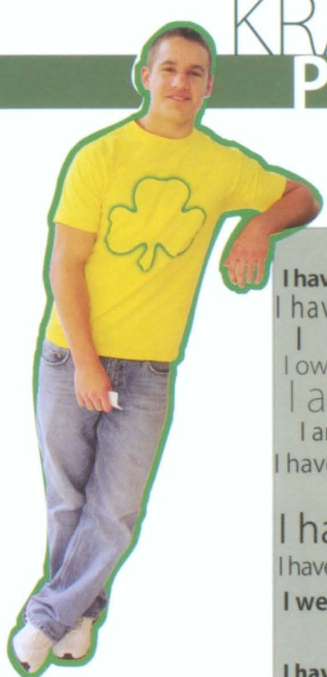


Alexandria Copak



Robert Covarrubias

**KRAMER
PHALEN**



I have **3** siblings.
 I have lived in Indiana for **16** years.
 I have been to **3** concerts.
 I have **0** pets.
 I own 6 pairs of Jordan shoes.
 I am **17** years old.
 I am **5** feet **11** inches tall.
 I have been on **14** vacations.
 I have been to **27** states.
 I have **40** trophies.
 I have played basketball for 9 years.
 I weigh **175** pounds.
 I play **2** sports.
 I have played football for **8** years.



Austin Crabtree



Paige Creighton



Kyle Croft



Ashley Cross



Crysta Crothers



Nicole Cummings



Brittany Daliege



Christian Dambek



Haley Damron



Dominick Daniele



Jordyn Dash



Gianna Davis



Jaimie Davis



James Davis



Anthony Delgado



Manuel Delgado Jr



Brianna DelSangro



Daniel Deluca



Scout Demir



Carlo Demma



Timothy DePasquale



Jordan Dernulc



Ashley DeSantiago



Kyle Dickelman



Joshua Diebel



Diana Dieguez



Kathleen Dienes



Russell Dillon



Christina Dimallig



Jenna Dimopoulos



China Ding



Mathew Dittmann



Kevin Dix



Ryan Dobos



Allison Dockweiler



Sara Doherty



Sarah Dolniak



Faith Donovan



Neil Doppler



Biljana Dosen



Mena Dous



Angelica Dulin



Bradley Dunlap



Matthew Duran



Cody Dykema



Alana Eatinger



Brittany Ebeltoft



Jeffrey Emond



Gregory Erlenborn



Samuel Evans



Robert Eveland



Rebekah Fabris



Carly Fara



Shannon Farrer



Maxwell Faulkner



Nicholas Favela



Kim Feder



Jacob Fehrman



Samantha Feldman



Shatat Feraus



Monica Feustel



Maranda Fishback



Kristen Flens



Taylor Fogarty



Kelly Forbes



Alyssa Fortner



Zachary Fowers



Cory Frank



Daniel Frevert



Ryan Frick



Caitlin Fritza



Daniel Fryogle



Matthew Furco-Stark



Krista Gallatin



Alyssa Gallegos



Rebecca Garcia



Sarah Garcia



Michael Gard



Amy Gasiorowski



Ellen Geisen



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Joseph Gerling



Alexander Gidcumb



Danielle Gioiosa



Nicholas Gnezda



Alexandria Goldman



Jeremy Golec



Kyle Gorman



Lauren Graves



Valerie Grbavac



Jacob Green



Michael Griffin



Nicholas Griffiths



Brock Gross



Adriana Guevara



Kaylin Guglielmo



Jennifer Guizar



Amanda Gulbranson



Michael Gurney



Joseph Gutierrez



Isabel Haddad



Mitchell Haddad



Stephanie Haddad



Carly Ham



Stephen Hanyzewski



Emma Harowski



Sydney Hartwell



Alissa Harwood



Jessica Haskins



William Hays



Natasha Heacock



Kristen Hearne



Ryan Hebda



Raymond Heicher



Alexandra Heinrichson



Joseph Hejl



Kenneth Helderman



Alexander Hernandez



Rebecca Hernandez



Kaitlyn Herrmann



Eric Hickok



Michael Hill



Peter Hoff



Julie Holme



Tara Homans



Joseph Horgash



Marissa Horta



Brittany Horwath



Brian Hudi



Amanda Huesca



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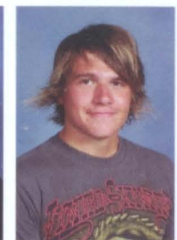
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Jessica Jorge



Samantha Jorzak



Anna Kacius



Ashley Kahn



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Michael Karas



Randi Kass



Alden Kazmierczak



Jeffery Keilman



Michelle Kelleher



Brett Kelly



Daniel Kelly



Paige Keough



Brandon Kicmal



Sara Kielbasinski



Chian Kim



Jee-Hyun Kim-Chiang



Rebecca Kimberly



Kyle Kincaid



Ashley Klein



Mathew Kmetz



Marko Komazec



Justin Kookan



Joseph Kountz



Alyssa Kovich



Caitlin Kowaleski



Rich Kozub



Katie Kozy



Troy Kropp



Nicole Krstulovich



Michael Kruse



Kristen Kuechle



Glenn Kurtz



Adrianna Lakich



Jordan Lane



Anthony Langland



Genoa Larcher



Arlene Lee



Ryan Lelek



Courtney Leonard



Stephen Letz



Devon Lewis



Nabil Liddawi



Samantha Livingston



Pedro Lodise



Margaret Logan



Mary Loncar



Ciro Lopez



Adam Loya



Joseph Luecke



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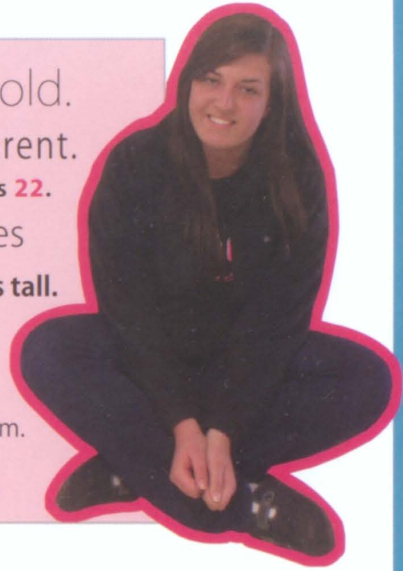
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KELSEY POBY

I am **17** years old.
 I have **1** grandparent.
 My favorite number is **22**.
 I own **14** necklaces
 I am **5** feet **10** inches tall.
 I have **26** cousins.
 I have **3** pets.
 My favorite time is **2:09** p.m.
 I have **2** siblings.





Matthew Marino



Jake Markiewicz



Brittany Marlett



Tiffany Marquiss



Corey Marsh Jr



Jose Martinez



Nicholas Martinez



Homero Martinez III



Michael Matakovic



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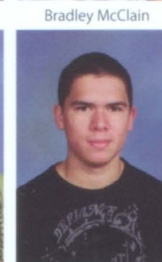
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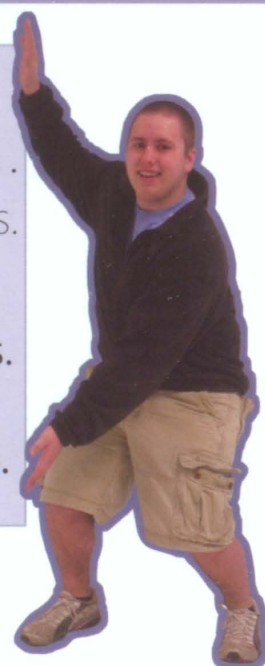
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BRIAN HUDI

I have **1** sister.
 I **play 2** instruments.
 I have **2** pairs of shoes.
 I have **4** pets.
 I work **3** days a week.
 I have **13** cousins.
 I have **6** game consoles.
 I have **11** pairs of shorts.
 I have **2** guitars.
 I have **4** best friends.
 I have **1,684** songs on my iPod.
 I have **1** truck.
 I've had **1** job.
 I have **2** grandmas.



Ashley Miczek



Emilie Middleton



Kayla Milcarek



Sarah Mildaus



Tabitha Millard



Adam Miller



Christopher Miller



Brian Mills



Courtney Mirkov



Edward Moldenhauer



Cody Molnar



James Montella



Andres Morales



Jordan Moran



Jessica Moreland



Kimberly Moreland



Gabriel Moreno



Neil Morgan



Christopher Mori



Lauren Morrison



Michael Morsovillo Jr



Darius Moss



Martha Mota



Meagan Muiser



James Mullins



Christine Murzyn



Jake Musashe



Christopher Muskin



Hannah Nava



Niomi Navarro



Lindsay Needham



Steven Newell



Charlie Nicholls



Julie Niemzyk



Nicholas Niezabitowski



Gerrad Noojin



Baleigh Nosal



Jessica Nunnery



Ellen Nutley



Stephanie Nydam



David O'Donnell



Kevin O'Loughlin



Brian Ochoa



Eric Okerstrom



Joseph Olivotto



Robert Oljace



Cara Oprea



Michael Ortega



Joseph Orzechowski



Zachary Owens



Avery Pagell



Hannah Park



Samuel Pattison



Samantha Pavlakis



Justin Pavlina



Mary Pellegrini



Catrina Penna



Christopher Perez



Javier Perez



Douglas Petersen



Miranda Peterson



Justin Pfrommer



Kramer Phalen



David Picioski



Anthony Pilackas



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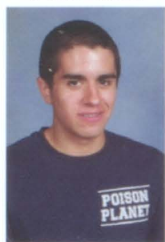
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Shane Reinsimar



Miroslava Repak



Anthony Rescan



Jesse Resendiz



David Revoir



Matthew Reynolds



Michael Reynolds



Jenna Rhoady



Marcella Ricciardi



Gianna Richardson



Jenna Richardson



Robert Rigg



Taylor Rimmele



Jorge Rinconeno



Andrew Ritchie



Francesco Rizzo



Ashley Rodgers



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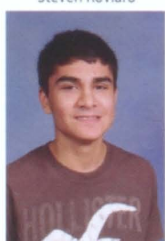
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Kristen Satkowski



Nikolina Savic



Jennifer Schafer



Kathryn Schillinger



Matthew Schneider



Kelsie Schultz



Jonathan Schulz



Joshua Schutte



Eryn Schweiger



Ashley Scott



Erick Scott



Sarah Scott



Megan Scruggs



Victoria Seabrook



Nicole Sebahar



Amanda Sefcik



Justin Seiber



Kara Seman



Andrew Semethy



Trisha Shanahan



Patrick Shanahan Jr



Devon Shaughnessy



Catherine Shaw



Jordyn Shields



Justin Shields



Zachary Shutoski



Douglas Siedelmann



Henry Siedentopf



Max Sindelar



William Sisk



Jennifer Sitko



Mallory Sivak



Sorsha Skrundz



Robert Slevnik



Alexander Sliwa



Emily Small



Katelin Smierciak



Christopher Smith



Jacob Smith



Jessica Smith



Nicholas Smith



Taylor Smith

DAVID VOSS



I have **2** siblings.
 I sleep at least **12** hours per day.
 I have **2** best friends.
 I have **1** pet.
 I drink at least **2** green teas per day.
 I am **17** years old.
 I am **6** feet **1** inch tall.
 I drink **1/2** of a pot of coffee every morning.
 I have had **1** car.
 My lucky numbers: **3, 7, & 21**.
 I have been in the LC school system since 1st grade.
 I have been to **1** concert.
 I have had **3** jobs.

KATHERINE BAGINSKI



I have **1** siblings.
 I have been playing soccer for **12** years.
 I have been working at Villa Cesare for **5** years.
 My shoe size is **11**.
 I have been to **65** White Sox games.
 I have been to **44** states.
 I have lived in **2** towns in my life.
 I have **0** pets. I have broken **4** bones.



Kyle Snoreck



Autumn Snow



Teryn Solan



Scott Soleski



Samantha Sommer



Lauren Soranno



Anthony Sorensen



Angel Soto



Ryan Sparling



Jillian Spivak



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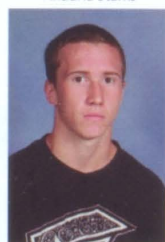
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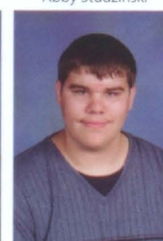
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Matthew Tellas



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Daniel Tirado-Barbauld



Angelica Toporis



Trisha Tornincasa



Mauricio Torres



Megan Trincot



Joel Truver



Daniel Trzupsek



Jordan Carl Tulk



Joseph Turman



Ashley Turoci



Michelle Unhock



Jake Urbanczyk



Gabrielle Uzubell



Elizabeth Vangorp



Brendan Venturelli



Joseph Verrill



Arthi Vezhavendan



Ashley Villanova



Kaitlyn Wagenaar



Steven Wagner



Sarah Wahlen



Victoria Wallace



Breanna Walton



Bradley Wartman



Jaelon Washington



Joshua Wauchop



Mackenzie Wayco



Ashley Weiner



David Weltmeyer



Kaitlin Westlund



Kailee White



Zachary Widlowski



Alec Wilkerson



Evan Williams



Shaniqual Williams



Jenna Williamson



Edward Willis



Carlie Wilson



Tiffany Winchell



Jordan Wise



Tyler Wise



Jeffery Wisniewski



Ryan Wisniewski



Ashley Wojcik



Megan Wojcik



Ryan Wojtysiak



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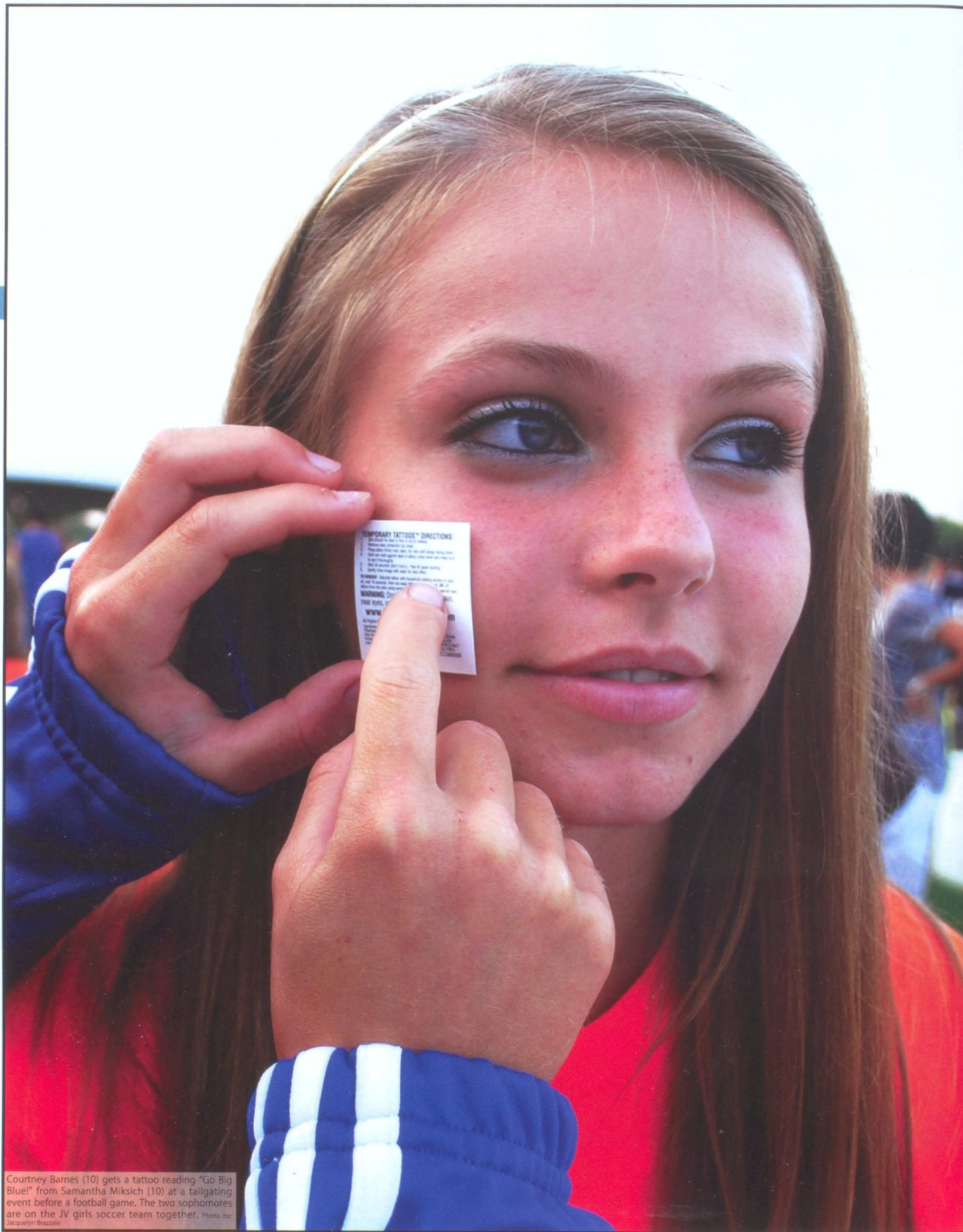
Nathan Zolp



Stephanie Zrnchik



Lidija Zubic



Courtney Barnes (10) gets a tattoo reading "Go Big Blue!" from Samantha Miksich (10) at a tailgating event before a football game. The two sophomores are on the JV girls soccer team together. Photo by: Jacquelyn Brazzale

CLASS OF 2012

SOPHOMORES

stuck in the middle

the facts

881 sophomores on the first day of school

041 sophomore english classes

035 sophomore class cabinet members

No, they're no longer freshmen. No, they aren't the youngest anymore. No, they don't have to run through the high school halls hoping they will make it all the way to Mrs. Pat Maman's, English, room, 9101, the furthest room in the Freshmen Center. No, they don't have to have their parents drive them to football games anymore. No, they don't have to wait to go to Winter Formal any longer.

But no matter how many new privileges open up for sophomores, they're still underclassmen. They're still grouped

with freshmen, but with a few distinct advantages, their options finally open.

They finally have some territory in the high school by the brightly colored lockers in C-Hall. If they're lucky, they can blend in with the upperclassmen in the high school, and go unnoticed as last-year's freshmen.

And after their freshman year, sophomores have a better understanding of the unofficial rules at LC, and let's hope their new-found knowledge will make their next two years at LC a lot easier. It's just the halfway point.

the editors



"The advantage is you're not the youngest. You can go to dances that freshmen can't," Ryan Chapski (10) said.



"It is better because we don't have to sit at the top of the bleachers at games," Jade Blessing (10) said.



"Sophomores are taught harder things. There's more homework, and your teachers expect more," Ryan Hilmer (10) said.



"I think it is easier being a sophomore. You get more attention and make more friends," Sarah Dulin (10) said.



"Now in the beginning of this year, it's more relaxed and I know my surroundings a lot more," Nicole Griffin (10) said.



"You're not at the bottom of the chain so you don't get picked on as much," Ethan Donovan (10) said.



"I think being a sophomore is better than being a freshman because you already have some experience, and because you're not the new kids anymore," Kurt Heerema (10) said.



"I like being a sophomore better than being a freshman because we have more freedom. We aren't babied as much," Nicole Adams (10) said.



"Sophomore year is better because you know what clubs there are and the deadlines on joining. This year is great, and the teachers are cool," Matthew Meinhardt (10) said.



Frances Pollaro (10) stretches during a class at M2 Dance Center. She takes Leaps and Turns III, Ballet III, Pointe II and Jazz IV. Leaps and Turns help her with skills and technique, Ballet and Pointe help with her ability to balance, and Jazz improves her style. Photo by: Megan Anderson



Jacob Pluskis (10) walks through the outdoor hallway that leads to the new section of modular classrooms. He has his SRT and Geometry classes in the moduls. "I'm always late," Pluskis (10) said. Photo by: Shannon Farrer



Megan Bereda (10) and Courtney Barnes (10) paint the Sophomore Class Cabinet Homecoming banner for spirit week. Each class cabinet is asked to make a banner to hang in the school during spirit week. Photo by: Anna Weber



Sarah Abbassi



Suzanne Abdelqader



Michael Abdulqader



Mitchell Ackerman



Cody Adams



Nicole Adams



Ana Alavanja



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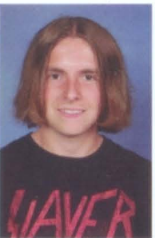
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Collin Anderson



Sarah Anderson



Brandon Andryske



Christopher Antonio



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Rachel Aratri



James Arcella



Rosalina Arellano



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Iris Arteaga



Evan Artman



Kyle Ayersman



Torey Ayling



Emily Balassone



Janice Bales



Victoria Balicki



Andrew Ballow



Ryan Banashak



Brian Bandura



Jacob Baranowski



Natalie Barbich



Michael Barenie



Jeremy Barna



Courtney Barnes



Nina Barnes



Marissa Barney



Jennifer Barnoski



Christopher Barrientez



William Barry



Elizabeth Barsic



Haley Bartolomei



Lindsey Batchelor



Karle Bateman



Daniel Bates



Bethany Batres



Samantha Batres



Austin Bauer



Tanasia Beavers



Aaron Beer



Emily Beneturski



Megan Bereda



Tyler Berg



Vladimir Beric



Nancy Bernal



Lauren Bertossi



Brian Bielawski



Olivia Birlson



Justin Bishop



Caroline Blaundin



Jade Blessing



Samantha Boersma



Allyson Bogenrief



Karie Bogs



Allison Bomba



Audrey Bork



Anjelica Botts



Zachary Bouchee



Bridget Boyle



Mallory Bradford



Charles Brady III



Hannah Brassea



Jacquelyn Brazzale



Jason Brennan



Amber Briscoe



Emily Brock



Melissa Bronson



Megan Brosius



Cherriana Brown



Samantha Brown



Patrick Browne



Kaitlyn Brownell



Kristin Brumm



Michael Buckman



Rebecca Budimir



Vanja Bukarica



Amanda Bulf



Katrina Burgos



Andrew Burrell



Eric Butler



Rebecca Butler



Lindsay Byrd



Morgan Cain



Luis Calderon



Patrick Callahan



Thomas Cameron



Hillary Campbell



Nicholas Campbell



Brian Capua



Madeleine Carlson



Taylor Carlson



Alex Carnahan



Shelby Carroll



Jordyn Carta



Tremaine Carter



Brandon Cassidy



Jasmine Castillo



Peter Castillo II



Julia Cavanaugh



Meghan Chamorro



Ryan Chapski



Joseph Charleston




Jessica Chavarria



Troy Cherven

ALYSSA ZYSKO



I have **4** siblings.
1 best friend.
 I have moved to **3** different houses.
 I have **3** pets.
 I have **1** niece and **1** nephew.
 I am **16** years old.
 I have been to **4** different schools.
 I have **2** cousins that go to LC.
 I am **5** feet, **2** inches.
 I've been in gymnastics
 for **13** years.

LUIS RODRIGUEZ

I moved here in **2000**.
 I lived in **Chicago** for **5** years.
 I have been to **3** concerts.
 I have lived in **Indiana** for **10** years.
 I have **1** dog.
 I am **16** years old.
 I have been to **15** states.
 I have **0** siblings.
 I've been to **4** islands.
 I am **5 feet 7 inches**.
 I have played soccer for **9** years.



Tara Chism



Richard Chmielewski



Ashley Chung



Anthony Ciarocchi



Angelina Cicchirillo



Dominic Cicchirillo



Phillip Cohn



Jessica Coleman



Tre Commings



Kathleen Cook



Benjamin Cordell



Allison Cox



Jamie Craine



Michael Crowley



Gina Cybulski



Allison Czazasty



Clara Damarjian



Samantha Dangerfield



Michael Daniels



Jalen Davis



Cody Davitt



Amanda Decker



Bridget Dedelow



Jeffrey Deere



Darren DeLaurentis



Rachel Delira



Tessa DeSalvo



Lucas Devries



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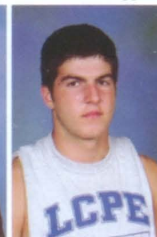
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Julia Druzicki



Isiah Duggan



Issac Duggan



Megan Dulin



Sarah Dulin



Alexandra Dumezich



Trevor Duncanson



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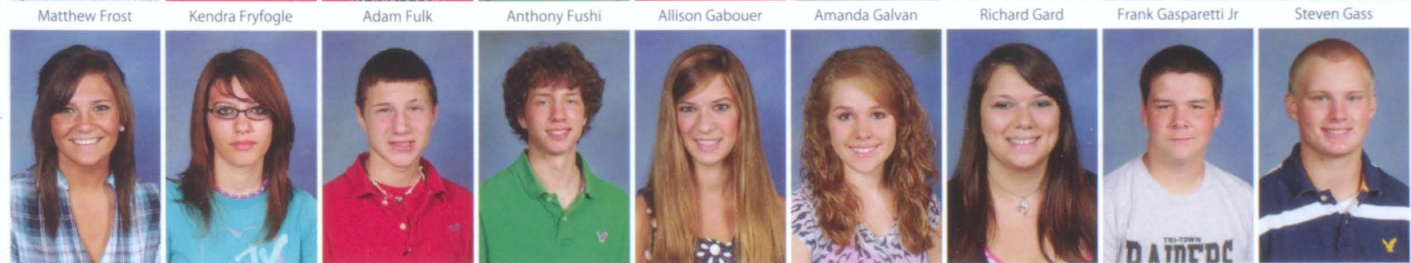
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Lorenzo Giovane David Giza Marc Gjeldum Alexandre Golden Lisa Goldstein Nicolas Gonzalez Briana Goodfriend Kunal Govani Kyle Granskog

14 Sophomore cheerleaders | 1 Sophomore Counterpoints | **SOPHOMORES** | 7 Sophomores in Quiver | 3 Sophomores in the musical | 7 Sophomore Centralettes



Jacob Graves



Taylor Green



Heather Greenwell



James Greenwood



Nicole Griffin



Taylor Griffiths



Aaron Grove



Julia Grzywana



Clarinda Guevara



Richard Guevara



Alexis Gutierrez



Zachary Hadarich



Breanne Hahney



Abigail Hallow



Bryan Haluska



Demarie Hancock



Kristin Handlon



Stephanie Hanks



Hillary Harmon



Tiffany Harned



Andres Haro



Lorena Haro



Kenneth Harris



Mark Haight



Staci Hearne



Amy Hecimovich



Kurt Heerema



John Hemmerling



Emily Hendrickson



Brandon Henrikson



Pedro Heredia



Ashley Hernandez



Noemi Hernandez



Victor Hernandez



Hayley Hero



Michelle Herrmann



Keith Hickok



Madeleine Hiemstra



Rebecca Hill



Ryan Hilmer



Ryan Hilt



Ryan Hodges



Samuel Hofstra



Ryan Hogan



Margaret Howe



Bryan Hoyt



Jack Huckelberry



Matthew Huesca



Alexa Hughes



Jesse Huisenga



Alexander Hunter



Meranda Hunter



Cameron Inch



Brian Inglese



Anthony Iragana



Malak Isa



Yahya Ismail



Fahad Issa



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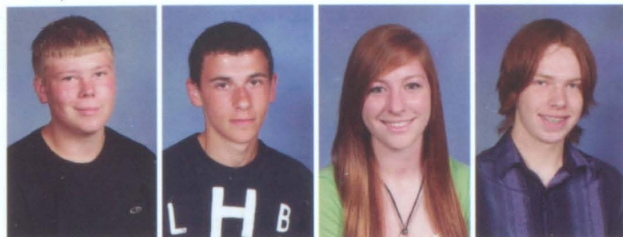


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Megan Jubera

Nicholas Jukes



Joshua Jumonville

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Jason Kalbac

Michael Kalinich

Jessica Kaminsky



Matt Kamykowski

Michael Karcz

Brian Karwatka

Dana Katsenis



Caitlin Kearns

Joshua Keith

Grace Kelly

Adam Keric

Joshua Kilinski



Soo Min Kim-Chiang

Zachary King

Christopher Kingdollar

Keertan Kini



Nicole Kinzel

Crystal Kirchhoff

Ryan Kluck

Karlene Koebecke

Jennifer Kohan



Rajko Kolundzic

Stefani Kolundzija

Kaitlin Konieczka

Christopher Konopasek



Matthew Konvalinka

Danielle Kowalewicz

James Kowalski

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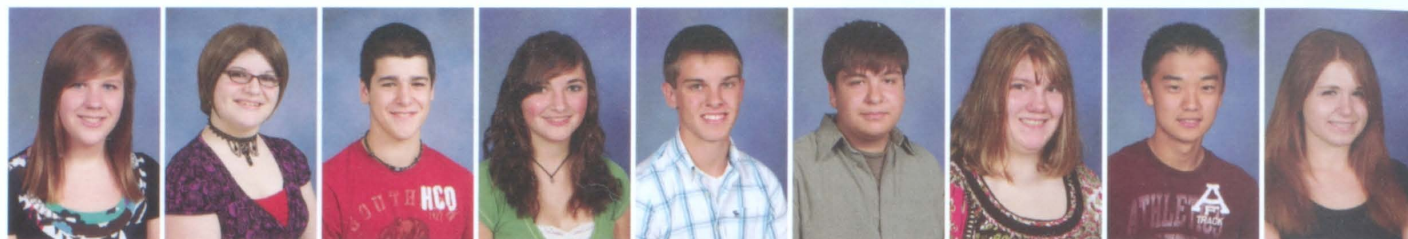
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Aleksandra Lazic

MELISSA SHELL

I have **2** dogs.
 I have been to **15** states.
 I have been to **2** concerts.
 I lived in Illinois for **12** years.
 I have **3** brothers.
 I am **16** years old.
 I moved to Indiana **4** years ago.
 I have been on **2** islands.
 I am **5** feet **6** inches tall.
 I have **4** cousins.
 I have played volleyball for **2** years.





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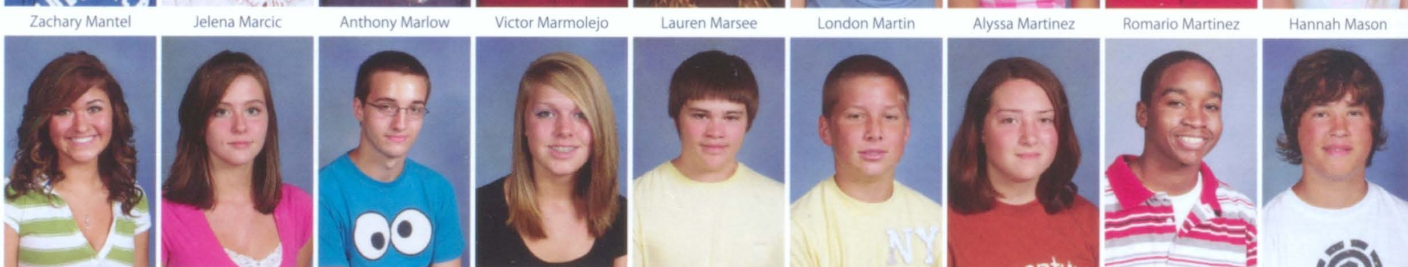
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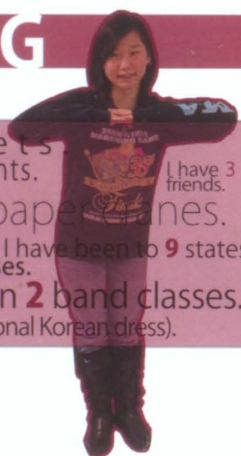
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Matthew Meinhardt Brianna Melendez Carina Mendez Carla Meyer Walter Michaels IV

ASHLEY
CHUNG

I have **2** pets.
I play **3** instruments.
I folded **267** paper planes.
I have **2** siblings. I have been to **9** states.
I am in **4** honors classes.
I am in **6** clubs. I am in **2** band classes.
I have 1 handbok (traditional Korean dress).





Joshua Migler

Bryan Mika

Michael Miketinas

Jacob Miklusak

Zachary Miklusak

Samantha Miksich

Kristen Milbrath

Emily Miles

Christina Miljevic

John Millard

Emma Rae Miller

Martin Miller

Laura Mills

Maxwell Mills

Cynthia Mirkov

Joshua Mirowski

Marisha Miskus

Zachary Mitcheltree

Steven Monroe

Christopher Moon

Dylan Morang

Daniel Morsovillo

Adam Moskalick

Jonathon Muffett

Natalie Mularski

Drake Mulcahy

Brittany Mulholland

Suzanne Mulligan

Jason Mundell

Courtney Myers

Ellen Myers

Nicholas Myers

Amanda Nacovski

Trevor Nagy

Julienne Nanay

Elena Navarro

Cameron Neely

Jenna Neyhart

Joshua Niewiadomski

Allyson Niksich

Christopher Niksich

Johnathon Noonan

Robert Northam

Daniel O'Connor

Kyle O'Connor

Timothy O'Connor

Blaine O'Neill-Perez

Michelle Okerstrom

Cody Olivotto

Heather Olson

Nicole Olson

Patricia Olson

Aaron Oskam

Ryan Pachowicz

Emily Paganelli

Marisa Palacios

Amanda Palkovich

George Papanikolaou

Alainna Parducci

Nivia Paredes

Salvatore Parmigiano

Anthony Partacz

Daniel Paschen

115 Teachers total | 3 Biology courses | 6 Days in auto | **SOPHOMORES** | 275 Students in Digital Photojournalism | 4 Years of English required to graduate



Jay Patel



Dajana Pavic



Nathan Pawelski



Elissa Payonk



Matthew Payonk



John Peoples



Benjamin Peppin



Angela Perez



Anthony Perez



Candice Perez



Cristina Perez



Ramiro Perez



Brittany Perry



Kathryn Peterson



Lindsay Peterson



Kelly Phares



Clarissa Pinto



Alec Plasencia



Alexis Plasencia



Peter Plessas



Jacob Pluskis



William Pollalis



Frances Pollaro



Kara Polus



Brandon Poninski



Trevor Popko



Darian Porterfield



Jenna Pritchett



Robert Pruitt



Jacob Psimos



Rebecca Pucik



Kayla Quattrochi



David Quinn



Jillian Raab



Elizabeth Racich



Megan Rademacher



Christina Radinovic



Marco Radjenovic



Casimir Radziejewski



Emily Radziejewski



Aleksandra Rajcevic



Bradley Rakoczy



Tori Ramsey



Kaitlyn Ranieri



Ashley Raynor



Jeremy Rech



Ryan Rech



Ronald Revis



Lucas Rey



Ashley Rhein



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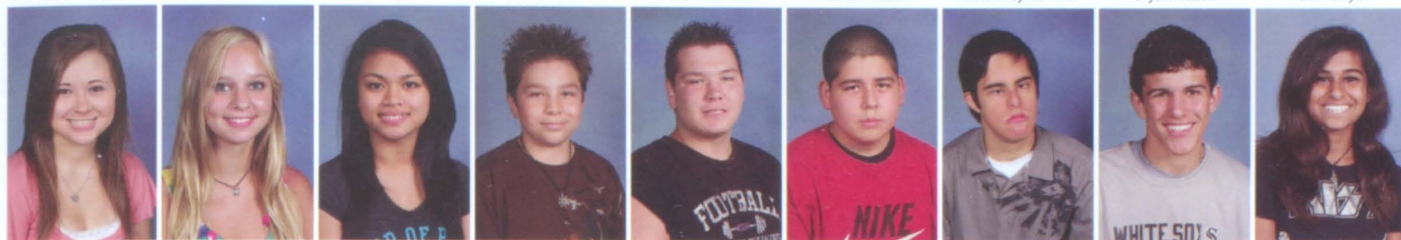
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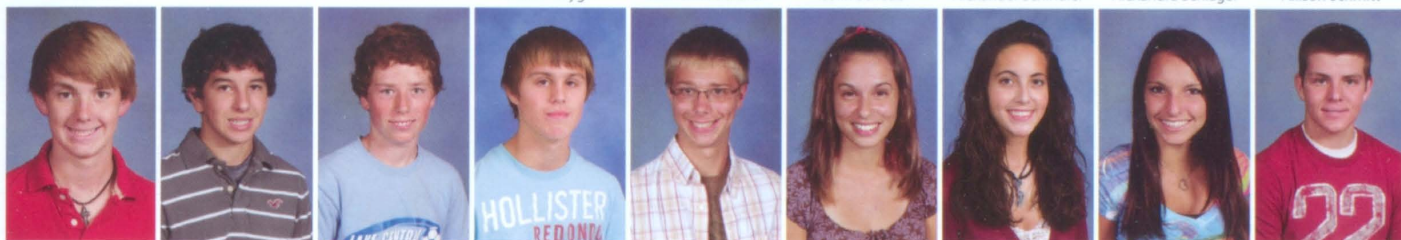
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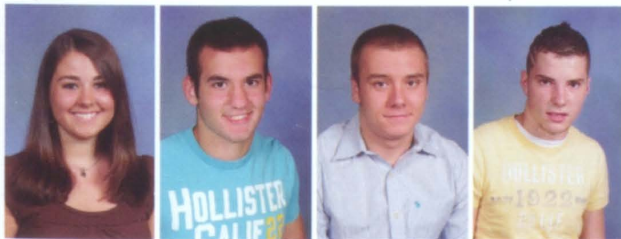
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Meagan Siplora Alexander Sklivas Michael Skurka Milos Sljivar



Ashley Smith Ashley Smith Brittany Smith Jessica Smith

LORENZO GAOVANE

I have **3** siblings.
My birthday is **3/3/1994**.
I have **2** sisters.
I am **5 feet 6 inches**.
I have **1** brother.
I am **16** years old.
I moved to Dyer **4.5** years ago.
My favorite band is Blink **182**.
I am in **10th** grade.
I went to Warped Tour in **2008**.



MICHAEL CROWLEY



I own **2** ATVs.
 My bowling average is **170**.
 I've been to Washington D.C. **1** time.
 I golfed for **3** years.
 I have **2** sisters.
 I am **15** years old.
 I've been to Wisconsin **6** times.
 I bowled for about **5** years.
 I am **5** feet **11** inches tall.
 I have **2** cats.
 I have moved **2** times in my life.



Samuel Smith



Taylor Smith



Holly Sobun



Laura Sokolowski



Martin Spizewski



Millicent Sprouse



Eric Spyra



Kyle Stancy



Eric Stanger



Richard Stanger



Robert Starks



Phillip Stefanak



Brandon Stefano



Erica Steliga



Kevon Stewart



Nicholas Stickler



Sarah Stidham



Stephanie Stremlewski



Paul Strubing



Benjamin Stutler



Ashlee Sullivan



Thomas Swope



Tyler Szczecina



Aaron Tanis



Katherine Tar



John Tarrant



Elizabeth Tegtmann



Timothy Tellas



Holly Thackston



Jill Tharp



Brianna Thomas



James Thomas



Maximillian Thomas



Alex Thompson



Emily Thompson



Kyle Thompson



Tamara Thompson



Kyle Thorne



Tiffany Thupvong-Huckaby



Sarah Tiller



Krista Tobin



Andrew Tocci



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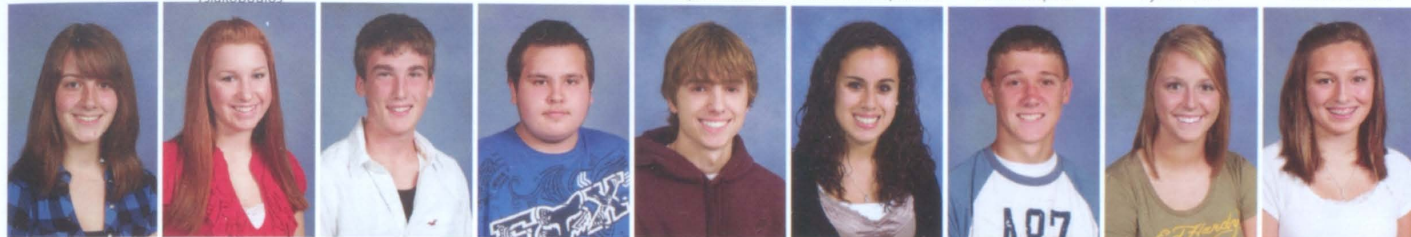
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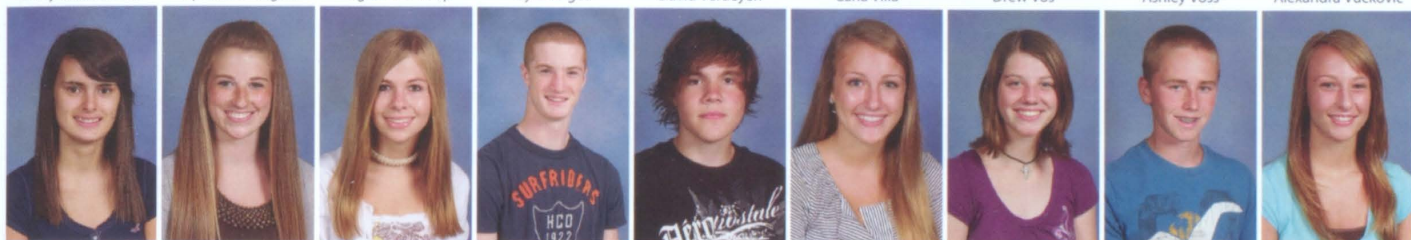
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Emily Vandervelde April Vanmilligan Logan Veldkamp Kyle Velgos David Verdeyen Carla Villa Drew Vos Ashley Voss Alexandra Vuckovic



Kristina Vujanic Renee Vukelich Lauren Wadas Austen Wagoner Logan Walla Caitlyn Walters Danielle Walters Joseph Wangercyn Brittany Warzyniak



Alice Wasylosky Anna Weber Matthew Wellinski Cody West James West Corey Westerman Anthony Wheeler John White Angelique Whitehead



Kenneth Whittle Brian Wieser Danielle Wiggins Kyle Wiggins Taylor Wilkie Randy Willis Corinne Wilschke Kyle Wilson Matthew Wilson



Erik Wirtes Brianna Wise Richard Wisniewski Sarah Wittorp Stephanie Wojcik Aaron Wojton Allen Wopinski Michael Yadron Michael Yarusinsky



Jessica Youngs Emily Yuratovac Ronald Zega Ashleigh Zendzian Brian Zimmer Bethany Znavor Tyler Zuccarelli Nicholas Zurawski Alyssa Zysko



Brendyn Price (9), William Rogers (9) and Jacob Melcher (9) work against Portage to get the ball during a heated football game. "The season, the players and the coaches were great. I had an extremely good time playing football for LC," Rogers said. Photo by: Megan Anderson

CLASS OF 2013

FRESHMEN

new beginnings

the facts

832 freshmen on the first day of school

006 freshmen sports teams

035 freshmen class cabinet members

Upperclassmen have always had a problem with freshmen. Anyone older than the age of fifteen just can't seem to understand why freshmen act the way they do. But freshmen probably have the hardest job at LC.

They're straight out of middle school where they're on top. So being thrown into high school as the youngest grade? It isn't easy. And even though upperclassmen were just freshmen a few short years ago, they find the first-years beneath them.

Freshmen have the second biggest class,

and they have the least amount of privileges that our school of 3,217 has to offer.

Getting yelled at for taking someone's lunch table, falling in the hallway, or getting pushed around E-Hall with dripping wet hair from the pool doesn't make LC seem like the most welcoming place. It is easy to feel lost, but in a school of 3,217, how could anyone be lonely?

Freshmen are actually lucky, because they have three more years of meeting new people, discovering LC, and making high school their own experience. It's just the beginning.

the editors



"The hardest part of freshman year was trying to get up to upper E-Hall," Kayleigh Kullmann (9) said.



"The hardest thing coming to LC was starting bells. This is my first year, so it is really hard and confusing," Amaya Starks (9) said.



"The scariest part about being a freshman is that you have class with a bunch of people you don't know," Nibardo Sanchez (9) said.



"I had a hard time going from one end of the school to another. I got lost my first week trying to find the pool," Jarrett Grady (9) said.



"The hardest part was the first day of school. There was a lot of people and I was scared I was going to get lost," Selina Graves (9) said.



"We do get a lot more freedom. The blue and white schedule confused me at first," Shawn Brandt (9) said.



"The hardest part of this year is getting used to the expectations of the teachers and meeting those expectations," Michael LeRose (9) said.



"My grades have been up from the start, but now it is kinda difficult to keep up with my math class," Derek Alliss (9) said.



"The funnest part about being a freshman is that you get to meet new kids," Ethan Kawalec (9) said.



Alexandra Trevino (9) cheers during the Homecoming game against Michigan City. "Being a freshman on varsity was a lot more challenging than I thought it would be. When I'm a senior I want to be as good a cheerleader as they are," Trevino said.



Michael Miklusak (9) jogs down-court during a game against a game against Crown Point. "It was great to be out there on the court with my friends and playing the game I love. We had our ups and downs but we pulled off a pretty good season," Miklusak said.



Lauren Dorecki (9) prepares to catch a rebound before two Andrean players. "Basketball season this year was extremely fun. I am glad I did try out because I had a blast!" Dorecki said.



Diana Abbasi



Mohammad Abdelqader



Jeffrey Abenante



Patrick Adler



Daniel Aguirre



Matthew Albin



Christopher Albright



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Stephen Allen



Derek Alliss



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Sarah Ashcraft



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Alexandra Baczkowski



Nicholas Baez



Constantine Bafaloukos



Kenneth Baker



Nikolina Balac



Arriana Balcazar



Jon Bannister



Todd Banvich



Felicia Barajas



Scott Barchi



Cory Barnes



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Megan Behrens



Jessica Bell



Zachary Bell



Zachary Bencur



Alex Benedict



Tyler Benedict



Brittney Benko



Emily Bennett



Jacob Bermingham



Jacob Berwanger



Alexander Bice



Josephine Binette



Eric Bishton



Kayla Bishton



Lauren Black



Jesse Blaszczyk-Garcia



Andra Bleier



Madalyn Bobelenyi



Tatjana Bobic



Danielle Bodnar



Adam Bogie



Nikolina Bogunovic



Allison Booker



Jason Borgetti



Alexandra Boulazeris



Mitchel Bouma



Peter Boyd



Cody Brack



Shawn Brandt



Kody Brewerton



Kelsie Brezinski



Kylie Brezinski



Andriana Bribiesca



Kimberly Bringelson



Kameron Brinker



Jonathan Broad



Kaitlyn Brokop



Nicholas Brooker



Katherine Brooks



Ryan Brooks



Alex Brown



Katelyn Brown



D'jon Brumfield



Jacob Brunetti



Lauren Brunetti



Tyler Buitron



Jennifer Bukent



Jessica Bukent



Brandon Burnell



Ryan Burvan



Megan Bushey



Adam Buss



Hannah Butcher



Jessica Bystricky



Alexis Cain



Ryan Caird



Michael Calderaro



Nicholas Campagnolo



Jasmine Campbell



Melissa Capriglione



Jennifer Carey



Derek Carroll



Kyle Carroll



Joseph Carta



Alexandra Castaneda



Christina Castillo



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JUSTIN
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I have lived in St. John for 12 years.

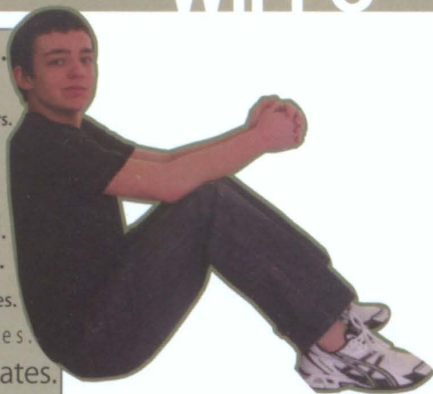
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I have broken **0** bones.I have been to **16** states.

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John Childers



Alyssa Childress



Joshua Chism



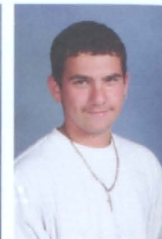
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Kevin Chung



Michael Cingrani



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Selena Contreras



Rachel Cook



Darian Cooper



Jordan Cooper



Kristen Copp



Danielle Costello



Emily Costello



Joshua Crague



Amanda Craig



Kyle Crawford



Thomas Crawford Jr.



Caelainn Crnjak



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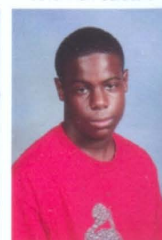
Nicholas Dasaky



Lucas David



Hannah Davidson



Laviorist Davis



Sean Davis



Taylor Davis



Jonna Dawkins



Clarence Deckinga



Jessica Delbovo



Cruz Delgado



Keely DeLoache



Lauren Dinino



Marko Dodig



Austin Dodson



Aubrey Doescher



Kristina Dombovic



Jacob Doppler



Lauren Doeski



Joseph Dorsch



Ljiljana Dosen



Mary Dow



Samantha Dow



John Dross III



Kevin Drzewiecki



Ryan Drzewiecki



Alexia Dukes



Amanda Dunlap



Derek Durnavich



Austin Eatinger



Joshua Ebert



Brandon Egebrecht



Alison Egli



Nicole Elliott



Jake Ellis



Lawrence Ellis



Abigail Emmett



Julianne Epperson



Amy Erb



Jose Estrella



Kearney Fagan



Joclynn Falco



Joseph Faoro



Sydney Fara



Hassan Farooq



Justin Farrer



Jennifer Fastabend



Amanda Fazio



Noah Feldman



Nicolas Fernandez



Elissa Fife



Elliott Fife



Joseph Finnegan



Nicholas Fioretti



Robert Fitzsimmons



Nicholas Flaherty



Taylor Flahive



Gregory Flores



Juan Flores



Jacqueline Florez



Steven Fondren-Mitchell



Eric Forbes



Garrett Fowers



John Fowler



Daniel Fox



Shay Fox



Jacob Freckelton



Shannon Freedom



Sawyer Fridel



Samantha Frost



Margaret Frye



Steven Fulk



Danielle Gachino



Alivia Gallas



Christian Gallegos



Juan Gaona



Nicole Garza



Nicholas Gasparetti



Anthony Gayton



Cindy Geertsema



Sarah Geisheimer



Amy Gerike



Robert Geyer IV



Anthony Giazzone



Sam Gibson



Cody Gillen



Megan Gindl



Nicholas Giza



Aaron Glatt



Benjamin Godlewski



Jonathon Goncher



Alejandro Gonzalez



Jessica Gonzalez



Dominique Gooden



Alexander Gorman



Ryan Gorman



Mark Govert



Kelli Grace



Jarrett Grady



Selina Graves



Blaque Greene



Kyle Greene



Kayla Grkinich



Haley Gross



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Brandon Grzyb



Matthew Guglielmo



Marc Guglielmo II



Jenna Guidotti



Stephanie Gurney



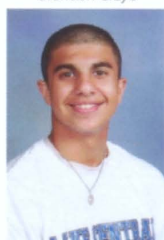
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Felicia Gutierrez



Morgan Haack



David Haddad



Steven Hainsworth



Lauren Halawa



Bryan Hale



Jacob Halfeldt



Lindsey Hanawalt



Jaclynne Harrison



Callista Hatfield



Mallory Hayes



Kendra Helderman



Daniel Hernandez



Kaleigh Hernandez



Daniel Herrera



Leonardo Herrera



Ricardo Herrera



Amy Herrold



Matthew Heusmann



Joel Hill



Michael Hines



Jamie Hintz



Kalie Hoff



Seth Hofstra



Maxwell Hogg



Daniel Holechko



Breanna Hollis



Brittany Horgash



Austin Howard



Daniel Howard



Sarah Hudi



Miguel Huerta



Jeremy Huisenga



Ryan Hunter



Natalie Hynek



Taylor Inglis



Taylor Inglis



Aaron Irving



Hind Isa



Jocelin Ishii



Malik Issa



Nada Issa



Maurice Jackson



Brandon Jacobs



Katelyn Jacobs



Luke Jacobson



Jeremy Jacques



Andrew Jansky



Ryan Janusz



Dennis Jashenski III



Nicholas Jastreboski



Qemon Jefferson



Abigail Jessup



Jasmina Jevdodic



Rachel Johnson



Rachael Johnston



Nicole Jones



Paulius Junokas



Benjamin Kalmar



Johnathan Karahalios



Jay Kaufman



Ethan Kawalec

MEGAN LUDWIG

I have **2** siblings.

I have 2 pets: 1 dog, 1 cat

My favorite numbers are 13 and 17.

I am **5** feet **9** inches.

I played trumpet for 4 years.

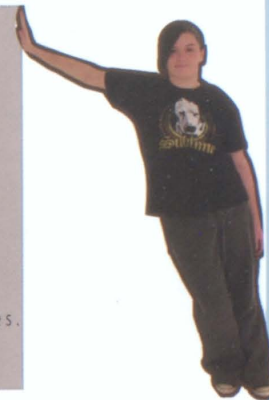
I am 14 years old.

I have moved **5** times.

I have dyed my hair **2** times.

I have **13** aunts and uncles.

I have **3** best friends.





Kimberly Kayes



Kayla Keichinger



Nicholas Kellams



Jayne Kelley



Shauna Kelly



Sarah Kennedy



Brandon Kenny



Omar Khalil



Zachary Kiepora



Nicole Kieta



Kylee King



Jonathon Kirby



Kenneth Kiser III



Abigail Kissee



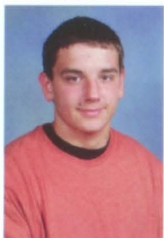
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Michael Knizek



Scott Kogler



Dean Kokot



Slavko Kolar



Brandon Kookan



Caleb Kort



Calie Kozik



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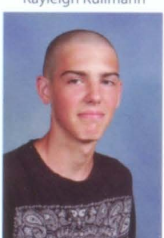
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Zachary Lawson



Collin Lazzaroni



Isaac Lea



Katarina Lebell



Eric Lee



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Anthony Lencioni



Tara Lencioni



Michael LeRose



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Samantha Light



Davis Lockwood



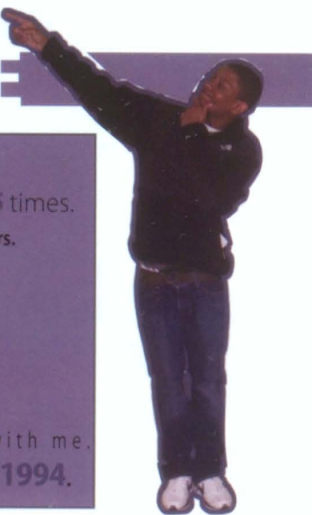
Haley Loden



Alexandra Logan

BRENDYN
PRICE

I am **15** years old.
I have been to Disney World **5** times.
I have been playing football for **7** years.
My foot ball number is **20**.
I have **5** pairs of shoes.
I have **2** dogs.
I have **4** White Sox hats.
I have **20** members of my family.
I always carry a \$**20** bill with me.
My birthday is **12/13/1994**.





Nicholas Logan



Nicholas Lopacki



Christopher Lopez Jr



Kassandra Lore



Elaina Lucido



Megan Ludwig



Danielle Lulich



Tishawna Lumpkins



Justin Luna



Stephen Macnak



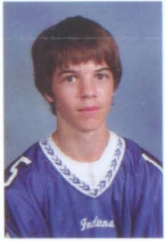
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Kailynn Madsen



Matthew Madsen



Mitchell Mahoney



Joseph Majchrowicz



Antonio Majstorov



Stephanie Malinich



Miranda Maloian



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Alexander Mamrila



Zachary Marciniak



Sara Marin



Elizabeth Markiewicz



Cassandra Marsh



Tyler Marshall



Bianca Martinez



Jessica Martinez



Kathleen Massei



Richanne Matthews



Taylor Matushek



Reann Maupin



Tyler McAfee



Shelby McCall



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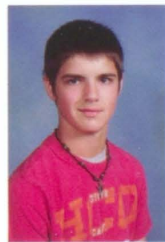
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Isaac Mendoza



Marco Merced



Elizabeth Mettache



Ryan Meyer



Hayden Michalak



Matthew Michalak



Jacob Migler



Michael Miklusk



Jessica Mikolajczak



Alexander Milaszewski



Bradley Milcarek



Demi Miller



Joel Miller



Olivia Miller



Miranda Milzarek



Tyler Minor



Eric Minyard



Alexis Mirabelli



Nicolette Mirabelli



Jennifer Mishevich



Alexandria Miskus



Taylor Mitchell



Idris Mohiuddin



Alexis Molina



Alexis Molina



Tony Moore



Victoria Morales



Jake Moran



Sean Michael Morgan



Andrew Moricz



Kaitlyn Moricz



Kourtney Morris



Thomas Morsovillo



Joseph Mota



Noelle Mourlas



Jonathan Mueller



Martin Munoz Jr



Brock Munson



Salam Musleh



Matthew Myers



Mitchell Mysliwy



Michael Naranjo



Adam Nauracy



Jacqueline Nedoff



Amanda Neff



Brandon Nevarez



Nicholas Newell



Christopher Nicholl



Emily Nicholls



Jennifer Niemzyk



Ashley Noojin



Alexander Nottingham



Brianna Novaski



Austin Nydam



Ireoma O'Gonuwe



Bryant O'Malley



Nicholas Ogradowski



Annmarie Olivotto



Michael Oljace



Vanessa Olson



Amanda Onest



James Onjack III



Nikola Opacic



Anna Oppermann



Kimberly Ordonez



Jaime Oseguera



Kayla Oski



Lucas Ossanna



David Otano



James Otic



Marlo Owczarzak



Raul Pacheco



Kristin Paganelli



Daniel Palomo



Paige Panfil



Luke Paprocki



Hem Kumar Patel



Jainesh Kumar Patel



Nirmal Patel



Paige Paulas



Matthew Paulauski



Tara Paulson



Saska Pavlovic



Adalee Payne



Alayna Pearson



Holly Pearson



Aldean Pearson II



Corina Pena



Alex Penilla



Christian Perez



John Perez



Cameron Petersen



Ashley Peterson



Dona Petrovic



Steven Petrovski



Adrienne Petty



Keller Phalen



Alec Pickert



Amber Piech



Tabitha Pilarski



Rosalee Pilch



Kathryn Pino



Justin Pitts



Gabriella Planera



Michael Plaskett



Anna Pomplin



Isaac Popovich



Trevonne Porter



Austin Potucek



Alisha Powell



Nicole Pramuk



Kaelin Pratt



Dillon Prendergast



Brendyn Price



Jeremy Prisky

MARY ELLEN PROPPER

I have **1** brother.

I have **1** dog and **1** cat.

I have attended **4** schools.

I lived in Florida for **10** years.

I missed **35** days of school in **1** semester.

I've played piano for **9** years.

My family owns **5** cars, **2** being Camaros.

I moved to Indiana **4** years ago.

I have attended **4** concerts in my life.

I own **243** DVD's.

I used to dance for **7** years.



ALEXIS MOLINA

I am **25%** Italian.
 I am **5 feet, 1 1/2 inches**.
 I have been to **3** concerts.
 I've been in band for 4 years.
 I have **0** siblings.
 I am **15** years old.
 I ride bus **34**.
 I was born on 11/15/1994.
 I played soccer **6** years.
 I am **75%** Puerto Rican.
 I have attended 5 different schools.



Kyle Prisby



Mary Ellen Propper



Rachel Pruett



Jack Pufahl



Jordan Pufahl



Shannon Putnam



Jacob Quintanilla



Katlyn Radkay



Thomas Radziejewski



Alexa Rainbolt



Christopher Rassel



Alexander Ratic



Matthew Rattray



Abigail Rauch



Krystal Rea



Christian Redar



David Reed



John Reese



Andrew Reesman



Brenna Res



Alyssa Retske



Jennifer Rey



Tatyana Rhyne



Guinevere Rice



Matthew Richardson



Michael Richardson



Andrew Ridder



Johnathan Rife



Tyler Rimkus



Shaun Riordan



Timothy Ritchie



Ashley Roberts



Miranda Robinson



Sheila Robinson



Brandon Rodriguez



Daniel Rodriguez



Denise Rodriguez



Joseph Rodriguez



Natalie Rodriguez



Emma Rogers



Jessa Rogers



Joshua Rogers



Sara Rose



Jacob Ross



Anthony Rossi



Suzanne Rovai



Anthony Rubino



Crystal Rucinski



Natalia Ruiz



Kierstyn Rush



Vincent Russell



Jillian Ryan



Alexander Sabatini



Paola Salazar



Jesus Samperio Jr



Anastasia Samsel



Nibardo Sanchez



Victoria Santiago



Jonathan Saternus



Angel Satmary



Briana Sauls



Lee Sayger



Alec Schassburger



Kyle Scherer



Alexis Scherzinger



Cory Scheub



Brandon Schleyer



Rachel Schloder



Anthony Schneider



Daniel Schoonmaker



Joshua Schultz



Jaclyn Schymanski



Dylan Scott



Jessica Scott



Victoria Scott



Sean Scruggs



Rebecca Sebastian



Marissa Seiber



Arthur Seida



Allison Semethy



Mark Serafin



Khuram Shahzad



Daniel Shanks



Faris Shatat



Shelly Shibu



Nicole Shields



Ashley Shofroth



Michael Siegle



Christopher Simac



Lauren Skertich



Taylor Skievaski



Jesse Slampyak



Brian Smith



Christopher Smith



Eric Smith



Jessica Smith



Ryan Smith



Stephanie Smith



Kyra Snoreck



Ella Soltis



Dalton Sommer



Bianca Soria



Zachary Sotelo



Matthew Spanier

90 Red chairs at the red tables

18 Freshman cheerleaders

FRESHMEN

2 Counselors in the Freshman center

7 Freshmen on Centralettes



Jasmyne Spearson



Dominic Spigolon



John Spivak II



Clayton Springman



Shawn Sprouse



Caine Stachelski



Abigail Stahr



Nicole Stanek



Daniel Starceвич



Amaya Starks



Bradley Staszewski



Chad Steapleton



Chad Steapleton



Trent Stemp



Kyle Stephens



Rachel Stidham



Christopher Storm



Eric Stromberg



Tabitha Sutton



Anna Swan



Carly Swanson



Kyle Switzer



Andrew Sytsma



Justine Szydlo



Alexandra Targos



Luke Taylor



Daniel Tegtmeier



Felicia Teumer



Shawn Thomas



Amanda Tieri



Kayla Timmons



Alex Tinklenberg



Austin Todd



Ashley Tomczko



Brandon Topp



Sylvia Torres



Kathryn Toth



Taylor Rae Traina



Andrea Tran



Joshua Trebiani



Monica Trejo



Tyler Trembczynski



Alexandra Trevino



Nicholas Trevino



Sara Trevino



Colleen Triska



Alexandra Troester



Alexandra Troxel



Odette Trujillo



Sharel Tucker



Michelle Underwood



Jasmina Urošević



Bradley Uzubell



Rosalie Valente



Daniel VanDenburgh



Brittany Vanek



Kyle VanHouten



Adam VanMilligan



Daniel VanVuren



Jacob VanVuren



Fabiola Vasquez



Eva Vercel



Jonathan Vercimak



Leonardo Verduzco



Nicole Vetroczy



Jeremy Villarreal



Brenden Volk



Joshua Wachowski



Allison Wagner



Nicholas Walczak



Patrick Walsh



Shane Walton



Lyndsey Ward



Michelle Wartman



Riley Wayco



Daniel Weber



Kaitlyn Weis



Anthony Wells



Matthew West



Gina Wheeler



Kenneth Whisenton



Eric White



Christopher Wiatrowski



Tabitha Widing



Lisa Wiening



Christopher Wilkie Jr



Joshua Wilkinson



Alaina Willis



Hallee Willis



Troy Wilson



Jessica Winarski



Justin Wippo



Michael Woods



Jenna Wozniak



Alissa Wysocki



Samantha Yadron



David Yancey



Daniel Yorek



Dayana Yos



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Ryan Zdzinicki



Samantha Zdzinicki



Angelina Zito



Hannah Zivkovich



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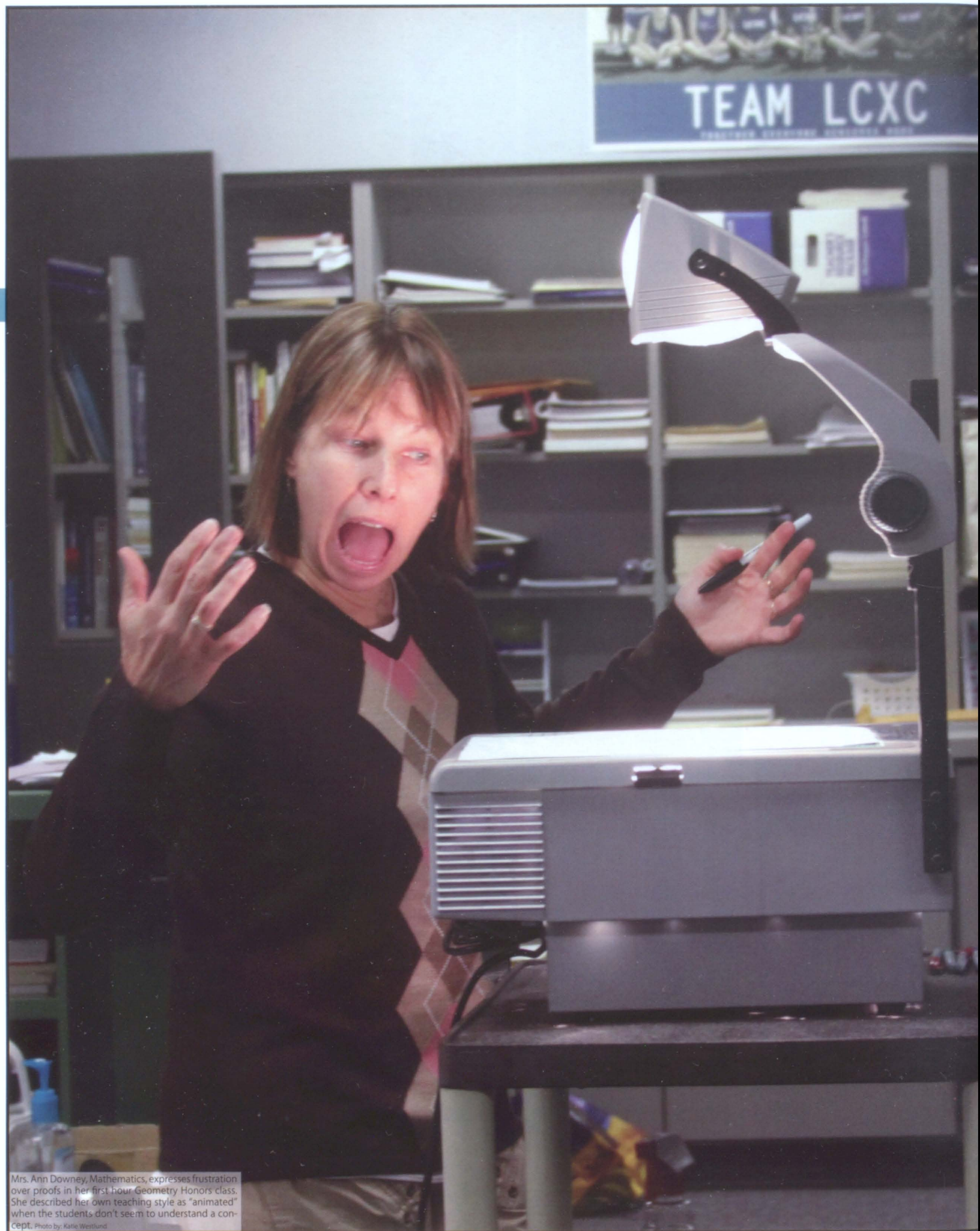
Cheyenne Zona



Anthony Zuccolo



Tiffany Zuffa



Mrs. Ann Downey, Mathematics, expresses frustration over proofs in her first hour Geometry Honors class. She described her own teaching style as "animated" when the students don't seem to understand a concept. Photo by: Katie Westlund

FACULTY

they know it all

the facts

200 faculty members
162 teachers
007 principals

With 3,217 teenagers in one place, most adults would run away screaming, but the faculty is willing to spend the day with us as their job. They have to have patience and loyalty and dedication, but their career choice does not come without rewards.

In a public school setting, faculty members get to see children at all levels advance and grow up over a four year period. Freshmen come in as just-middle-schoolers, and leave as eighteen-year-old adults.

Teachers, administrators and counselors have an obvi-

ous role in that big leap from freshman to senior, but they aren't the only faculty members who make LC what it is.

At lunch, custodian Ms. Frankie Melcher willingly takes extra trash off our tables and throws it away. After lunch, Officer Fred Stamate, Security, provides us with a candy treat.

In a school so large, our team of faculty offers us a consistency in strong role models. Everyone is encouraged to find a teacher they can identify with, and learn from. There are enough choices. It's just our support system.

the editors



"My father taught here, my kids went here, I went here. This is the perfect place for me," Mrs. Wanda Corsello, Library, said.



"It's interesting. You never know what's going to happen, especially in Guidance," Ms. Kristina Ochman, Guidance, said.



"I love math, and I love the students. I love spreading the love [of math]," Mrs. Erin Rawls, Mathematics, said.



"I love talking with the kids. The different personalities bring a lot to the school," Mrs. Kim Talaber, Guidance, said.



"Being 61 years old, [being around teenagers] makes me feel young again," Mr. Nick Jioie, Security, said.



"There are so many students that I don't know, and that's too bad; I wish I knew more students," Mr. Darrell Wierzal, English, said.



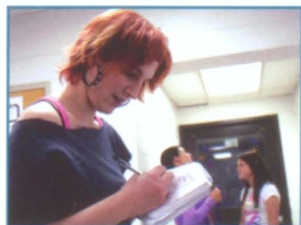
"Everyday is always, somehow different! Work never seems to get stale. Having such a big school allows for variety," Bryan Szalonek, Social Studies, said.



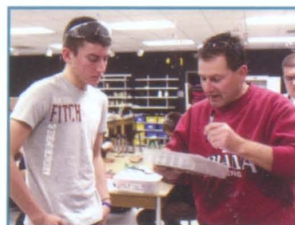
"The challenge is with so many students it's hard to reach all of them, but [the beneficial part is] you meet a lot of students," Mrs. Amy Wilkins, Social Studies, said.



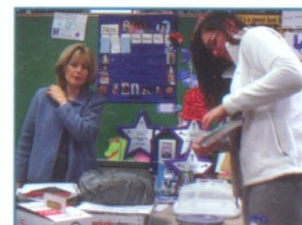
"Teenagers have enthusiasm, they're young, and that's good. It rubs off on the teachers," Mr. Louis Valse, Science, said.



Miss Rachel Thomas, World Language, dons large hoop earrings and a cut-up sweater for 80's day. "I was only seven when the 80's ended, so I have a very vague memory, but I have an older cousin to whom I owe my fashion sense," Thomas said. Photo by Sarah Steedt



Joshua Keith(10) and Mr. Paul Volk, Art, discuss Keith's project in 3-D Art. Mr. Paul Volk teaches only advanced and regular 3-D Art classes. Photo by Chelsea Keith



Mrs. Joan Loden, Mathematics, waits as Milana Katic (12) opens brownies in her AP Calculus class. "Mrs. Loden supports all of our Calculus endeavors, and is cool about everything, food days especially," Katic said. Photo by Emily Hogg



Koula Amanatidis



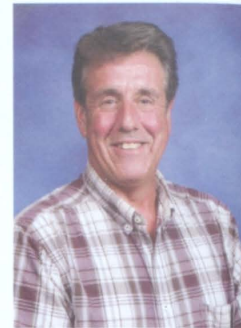
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Don Bacso



Timothy Bannon



George Baranowski



Jennifer Barta



Kim Beach



Edward Beck



Melodi Belei



Fred Blush



Cris Bobowsky



Lindsay Botha



Karen Bowman



Carrie Brown



Lori Brumm



Terri Budlove



Don Bugaski



Eric Bushong



Sandy Bushong



Cheryl Carniello



Darryl Carstensen



Gerald Chabot



Lauren Chappell



Deb Chavez



Erica Churilla



Josh Clark



Kathryn Clark



Chris Colle



Jody Cook



Angela Corrie



Betsy Cowan



Patty Croft



Nicole Demik



John DeVries



Kathy Donaldson



Laura Dreuer



Dawn Duerst



Jennifer Elliott



Christopher Engell



Fred Farnell

MRS. BETTY SAMPLES

I have taught approximately 1,500 students.

1,736 pages I have to read for a semester of Intensive Writing.

I wanted to be a teacher at age **6**.

I've attended **15** Dave Matthews Band concerts.

There are **4** teachers in my family.

198 books on my bookshelf at home.

There are **7** bridesmaids dresses in my closet.



MR. MIKE HOWE



1: the number of jobs I have interviewed for in my teaching career.

32 years teaching at LC.

There are **7** generations of teachers in my family.

My family came to the United States in 1620

I've had **3** LC Teachers as students.

I have taught approximately **4,800** students.



Joe Fox



Polly Franklin



Scott Freckelton



Kim Freeman



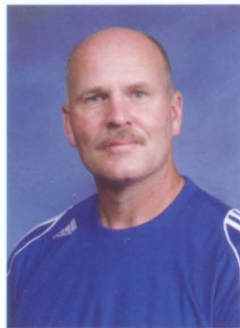
Martin Freeman



Valerie Gardner



Eric Graves



Tom Halterman



Chris Harmon



Stephanie Harnew



MR. JOE FOX

I have 2 children, 1 son and 1 daughter.

I have 2 brothers and 1 sister.
I have been a teacher at LC for 25 years.

I have 1 dog named Max.

I have several relatives who fought in the Civil War.

I have several cats and live on a farm.



David Harnish



Amanda Helmus



Nancy Hoban



Cindy Hoffman



Ralph Holden



Mike Howe

MRS. SANDY BUSHONG

I have visited 12 countries.

I have 2 children.

I have 156 students.

I have 1 house with 2 cars.

I've been working at Lake Central for 36 years.

I have 10 toes and 10 fingers!

My birthday is on May 5th, and there are three 0's and three 5's in my birthday.





Josh Huwig



Kathy Ignas



Robert Jackowski



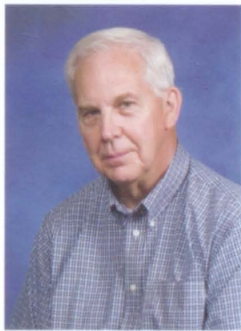
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Julie Koricanac



Brandy Krolak



Claire Kuhlenschmidt



Rita Laskey



Bill Ledyard



Andrew Locke



Joan Loden



Myra Lolkema



Val Lozan



Rebecca Magee



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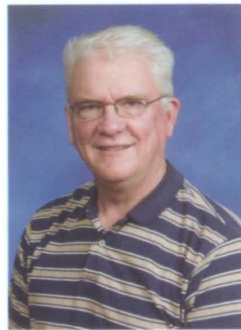
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Richard Moore



Jack Moorhouse



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Lisa Moreno



Kim Musashe



Pam Neth



Amy Nimetz



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Kristina Ochman



Robert Ochs



Richard Ohlenkamp



Andrew Palasz



Sandie Platt



Ellen Probst



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Ann Ruiz



Rose Sgambellori



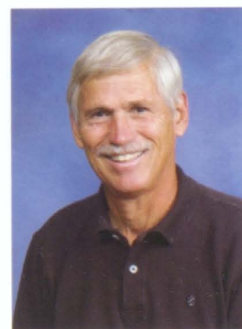
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Jeffry Sherman



Jeff Sandor



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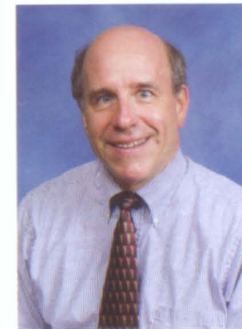
John Schneider



Kathy Small



Cynthia Scrivener



Kendall Smith



MR. RON FREDRICK

9 straight years now I have been asking my wife to "marry me."

On my left foot I have **3** toes, and on my right foot I have **5** toes.
6 body piercings on the right side of my body.

There are 10 "smart pills" that I take each day.

I have a total of **4** tattoos on my back.

There are **11** total numbers between **0** and **20** divisible by **2**.



MRS. ANGELA OHLENKAMP

I've taught for **7** years, **35** different classes with a **29** per class student average for an average of **1,015** students total.

I have run **2** marathons in Chicago.

I own **8** pairs of toe socks and **24** pairs of shoes.

Since I was **15** I have only worked at **4** places total.

I've donated 10+ inches of my hair 3 separate times.

In **2009** I picked a total of **42** blueberries.

MRS. PENNY TOKOLY

I have **6** wonderful children.
 I was married on November **23rd**.
 And I have had **1** best friend
 for **43** years.
 I have read "Invisible Man" **15** times.
 I have **1** granddaughter for
 named Sasha.
 I am the youngest of **5** children and **5** has been a
 lucky number in my life.
E102 has been my classroom for the past
20 years.
 I have read over **10,000** books.
 I have been to **48** of 50 states. I plan to go to
 Hawaii next year, which leaves Alabama, the 1
 state I probably won't visit.
 I plan to hike down to the bottom
 of the Grand Canyon for my **65th**
 birthday.



Todd Smolinski



Al Strimbu



Wayne Svetanoff



Bryan Szalonek



Kathy Szewciw



Kim Talaber



Rachel Thomas



Rachel Thomas



Elaina Thrall



Nancy Tilka



Brian Tompson



Rachel Underwood



Louis Valse



Vivian Velasco



Larry Veracco



Dustin Verpooten



Sarah Verpooten



Katie Vogel



Carrie Wadycki



Rod Wartman



Darrell Wierzal



Amy Wilkins



Sally Wilkins



Sandy Wright



Tamara Wyckoff



Maureen Yaeger



Front row: Mara Seat, Stojanka Jokic, Tom McCormick, Milka Culic. Back Row: Mark Anderson, Tim Stovalc, Virginia Talley, Tom Rainwater.



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120 Lab drawers in Mr. David Hamish's classroom

55 Fire extinguishers

FACULTY

25 Cubs items in Mrs. Brandi Krolak's classroom

111 Chairs in the Town Square



Is it JUST what we do?

Is it just what we do that defines us? Are we our actions? While these questions may seem deep and philosophical, let's take a crack at them anyway.

Lake Central is the center of four of our youth-filled years. We go to school here for seven hours, five days a week for 180 days a school year (ideally). Some of us choose to do extra. Whether we play an LC sport, be it baseball or soccer or football, or take part in one of the many fine arts, take AP classes or devote some of our time to a club or cause, we're subtly and loudly showing off who each and every one of us really is.

Take someone involved in sports, or in the fine arts; analyze someone who volunteers or someone who takes challenging classes and what do we learn? Each and every single thing we do says something about us and our character.

So, of course, we can make the regular assumptions, that the person involved in boys cross country must be competitive and athletic, or that the person enrolling in multiple AP classes must be uptight and college-bound. But that would be unfair. That same AP student could be in a sport and volunteer, and even be involved in the fine arts or a sport. Each one of us does so many things, all of our actions combined

serve as the building blocks of our character.

And hopefully, we just do what we feel like doing. We take the classes we're interested in and join the extracurriculars that appeal to us. We may want to take Mr. Tom Clark's Europe adventure, or Mr. Jeff Rhody's Marine Biology trip. We may want to attend our traditionally informal homecoming, a unique LC improv performance, or even be a part of the talent show always held in the all-purpose LC auditorium.

But through these rhetorical questions and hypothetical situations we still find ourselves at the original questions. Is it just what we do that defines us? Are we our actions?

And truly, the answer to these questions is ambiguously both yes and no. For the most part, our actions do define us. They reveal our character. But they aren't the only way we present ourselves to the world around us; our actions aren't enough. Those classes we take and those extracurriculars we join mirror us. What we do takes what people see to the next level of personalization. That sport we love or those friends we care about do also. To some extent, it's just what we do, and so much of that happens to revolve around LC.

It's just what we do.

Fabian Urquiza (12) trails behind David Picioski (11) and a opposing team member during the boys varsity soccer game against St. Joseph in South Bend. Urquiza, who played soccer all four years, said, "I've had my ups and downs with soccer at LC. Looking back at all of it though, I wouldn't change a thing. It was worth every minute." Photo by: Chelsey Benasik

what we do study learn

ACADEMICS

the facts

- 10 art options
- 13 communicative art classes
- 17 music courses
- 22 business subjects
- 17 industrial education opportunities
- 19 possible studies spanning 3 foreign languages

A big portion of high school is dedicated to finding ourselves. This may seem cliché, but it's the truth. The whole point of electives is to take ones that we enjoy, electives that we're interested in. It's just a little bit of what we do, sure, but how important are some of these classes to us? How often do we actually get a little excited to go to one

of our electives? If you won't admit it out loud, at least acknowledge it in your head; we are the classes we take.

Some of us will learn how to change our car's oil in Mr. Dennis Brannock's Vocational Auto class. Some of us will become fluent in balancing our checkbook in Mrs. Cindy Hurley's Personal Finance class, and others of us will

find our place in Mr. Paul Volk's Advanced 3-D Art course.

But it's the things that we learn in our academics that point us in our future directions as mechanics, accountants or artists, or anything else possible when we graduate. We make friends through our classes and through that process, we write our own story. It's just up to us.

the editors

Marc Brouillette (12) and Zachary Propper (12) perform a modern version of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." "It all started in English," Propper said, "when our teacher, Mr. [Ron] Fredrick, assigned groups to do a 'Hamlet' play." But the group would soon run into a problem. "We had four guys in our group, so that meant someone got to be the girl," Brouillette said. The burden of which fell to Propper, who welcomed the role with humor. "I was trying to show off my gorgeous legs [with] a skirt from my sister's closet. I got several compliments." Photo by Michelle Sweeney



Allison Riddering (12) excitedly dissects a rat in Anatomy class. "I never thought that I would ever dissect a dead rat. At first I was grossed out but it turned out to be a great learning experience. It was different because it was hands-on learning and not just the regular taking notes and book work. Overall, it was an experience I'll never forget," Riddering said. Among the many Anatomy labs, students also dissect sheep brains and pig fetuses. Photo by Lauren Resendiz



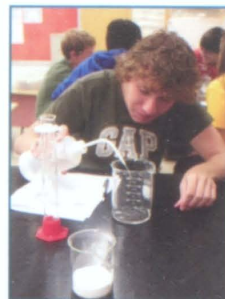
Mr. Ralph Holden, Social Studies, tests Miroslava Repak's (11) number of taste buds in one of his AP Psychology classes. "That day, we were experimenting with illusions. He [Mr. Holden] put green dye on our tongues to see if we were either super-tasters, middle-tasters, or non-tasters. If you have more taste buds on your tongue then you would be a super-taster. I was a middle-of-the-road taster," Repak said. Also famous among AP Psychology students is Holden's drunk goggles experiment. Photo by Emily DeMario



listen



David Weltmeyer (11) and Forrest Mathis (11) tighten a loose screw on top of an engine. "Auto has taught me a lot of things. This class isn't like anything I've ever taken before. You learn so much about cars and you are in the class for three hours a day," Weltmeyer said. Photo by: Elena Navarro



Sean McNabney (10) squirts distilled water into a 250 ml beaker in Mr. Louis Valse's Biology Honors class. "I really enjoy Biology Honors because we are constantly engaging in labs and other hands-on activities. We are also treated more like young adults rather than children; not everything is simply spoon-fed to us. I think Mr. Valse is an excellent teacher because he covers all material very effectively," McNabney said. Photo by: Katrina Burgos



Brandon Cloutier (11) bench presses in Weightlifting. "In weightlifting we do various lifts to get stronger. My favorite lift is the bench press. We also do back squats, snatches, and abdominal exercises. I took the class to get stronger for the sports I play at. Being strong is a key element in being a successful athlete," Cloutier said. Cloutier plays goalie on the varsity soccer team. Photo by: Megan Lynch



Raven Neal (12) works on her stained glass project in 3-D Art. She cuts out red glass pieces for the symbol she was making which was based on a video game. Neal has taken Art I through Art III, and is currently enrolled in Art IV. She decided to try a new medium by starting 3D Art. "What don't I like about art?" Neal said. "It is fun and expressive." Photo by: Katrina Burgos

THE MIND

"You have to be smart and know what you are talking about to accomplish the goal," Weltmeyer said.

THE HELPER

"It's nice to have two people because it gets the work done quicker. It makes it easier when you are a team," David Weltmeyer (11) said.

THE HANDS

"You have to be good with your hands in auto to handle small parts and pieces," Weltmeyer said.

SIX DAYS IN KEY LARGO

At 2 a.m. on July 6, Mr. Jeff Rhody and 28 Lake Central marine biology students set out for their trip to Key Largo

Day One: The first day of Mr. Jeff Rhody's Marine Biology trip was all about adjusting to what life would be like for the next six days.

"We unloaded our stuff, and it was a room full of bunk beds. It was like a camp," Julie Holme (11) said.

After they unpacked, the students went straight into the ocean.

"We were in the water by 3 p.m. the day we got there," Celina Bronson (12) said.

When they got into the water, one student had trouble following the instructions for fire coral.

"We went snorkeling in a deep lagoon, and I touched something. They tell us not to touch anything, and it made my hand burn," Kevin Horecky (12) said.

Day Three: During the trip to Key Largo, the students interacted with more than just marine animals.

"We found a living gecko in our room," Holme said. "It was so cute."

Holme may have thought it was cute, but it was Katherine Skura (12) who took action.

"When Samantha Tarrant [(12)] ran down the stairs and told Rhody about the gecko, he said, 'Skura, go get it,' so I ran upstairs and everyone started taking pictures of it," Skura said. "It was basically blinded by the time they were done. When they finally finished, I took it outside and put it on a tree."

Rhody simply stayed behind and laughed at everyone at first because they were afraid of the gecko.

Day Five: By the end of the trip, the students' skills were put to the test by both the ocean and Rhody.

"In snorkeling, you're supposed to lay on your stomach because the ground is close to you," Bronson said. "I was laying on my back to clean out my goggles. The snorkel was still in my mouth, so I breathed in a lot of water."

This was Bronson's first time on the Marine Biology trip, but some students had been on the trip before.

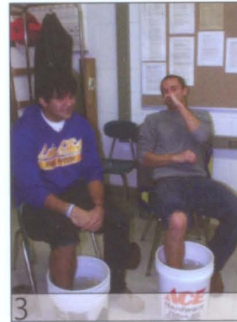
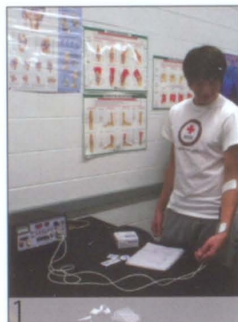
"This was my second time going on the trip," Skura said. "Rhody told me that he wanted me back as a chaperone after I get my dive master's certification."

& Megan Lynch
& Lucas Rey

1 Kinseology students use the STIM machine, a machine that uses electrical currents to contract muscles. "It's supposed to help with healing injuries," Kevin Herald (12) said. Photo by: Trisha Tomincasa

2 Carolyn Sandrick (11) and Jeffery Wisniewski (11) work on a bunsen burner lab. The two dipped a copper wire in chemicals and observed the color change of the flame. Photo by: Trisha Tomincasa

3 Andres Arellano (12) and Zachary Mullaney (12) put their feet in ice water. "We had our feet in the bucket for 20 minutes, and I was making a face because my leg started to hurt," Mullaney said. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz



AP Chemistry

Deep Patel (12)



"Chemistry helps you understand life in basic forms."

AP Chemistry is better because:

1. "There are concepts in Chemistry that make it easier to learn and follow."
2. "It involves everything around us. There are elements and compounds that are around us at all times."

AP Biology is worse because:

1. "There is a ton of memorization involved in biology"
2. "It's boring."

vs.

AP Biology

Daniel Dzdzinicki (12)



"Biology goes into more depth about how cells work."

AP Biology is better because:

1. "Learning how certain diseases affect the molecular level of your body is fun."
2. "We drink gatorade for an experiment to see DNA."

AP Chemistry is worse because:

1. "There are too many numbers."
2. "The charges on polyatomic ions are obnoxious. I don't care that phosphate has a -3 charge."



Katherine Blessing (12) coats her hands in a powder that represents bacteria. Blessing then washed her hands and looked at them under a blacklight to see how well she had cleaned them. Photo by: Cesar Pulido

Elizabeth Barsic (10) pours distilled water into a test tube. Mr. Louis Valse's Biology Honors class had to test the effects of sugar content in potato cells. Photo by: Katrina Burgos

SCIENCE



Celina Bronson (12) chases a school of fish during a Marine Biology scuba dive. The Marine Biology class spent six days in Florida over the summer. Photo by: Katie Skura



Kristen Wicklund (12) and Melanie Znavor (12) dissect a rat in Anatomy class. They learned about the rat's body parts and related it to the human body. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz

Carlos Hernandez (12) works on a lab in Organic Chemistry class. "We were testing the reactivity of different metals," Hernandez said. Photo by: Theodora Bairaktaris

Teachers' absences create different perspectives

PANDEMONIUM IN PRE-CALC

Teachers have to take leaves of absence all the time. But what happens when all of the teachers for one subject leave at once? That's exactly what happened with the five Honors Pre-Calculus classes LC offers.

Mr. Kerry Zajicek, math, had quadruple bypass surgery before the school year even started, and Mrs. Angela Ohlenkamp, math, was only in school for a month before she went on maternity leave. Mr. William Platt, math, took over Zajicek's classes, and Mr. Garrett Carstensen, math, taught Ohlenkamp's. Shortly after, Platt had to leave for personal reasons, giving all of the Honors Pre-Calculus classes to Carstensen to cover.

"I ended up teaching these classes because I was the first available substitute with a math degree. It was difficult taking over for two teachers because the classes were at different places. All of the classes had to get caught up with the notes. I had to get all of them in sync, and Mrs. Ohlenkamp's lesson plans were a big help," Carstensen said.

Students also found it difficult to transition between the teachers.

"It's been hard to get used to the different teaching styles, and it's been difficult to adjust to the different teachers," Abigail Melvin (11) said, "but it hasn't affected my grade because I still work hard in math."

For others, the changes may have had a more substantial impact.

"The situation has affected my grade; Mr. Carstensen's teaching methods are different from Mrs. Ohlenkamp's, making the lessons more confusing. I like Mrs. Ohlenkamp's teaching because for me, it was really easy to follow along," Adam Hughes (12) said.

But some students actually found the change helpful.

Pedro Lodise (11) said, "Changing teachers gave me a higher grade because I'm getting several perspectives and more opportunities to understand the material. I liked Mr. Platt's no-homework policy, but I prefer Mr. Carstensen's teaching style."

Despite the chaos, Carstensen managed to pull the classes together, and the students adapted.

"So far this class has just mostly been a review of Algebra II," Lodise said.

Other students agree that the class itself isn't too hard.

"I am glad I am taking this class instead of Statistics or another math class because I think it will help me in the long run and for college," Hughes said.

This year's experience can be a lesson for the future for some students.

Melvin said, "I want to be a math teacher, and the experience of having different teachers has shown me that being a math teacher may be more difficult than I had thought."

& Kaitlin Westlund
Rebecca Kimberly

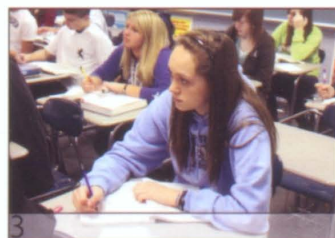
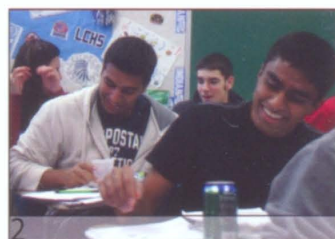
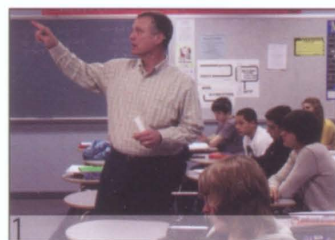


Adam Wroughton (12) enjoys a food day in AP Calculus. The class brought in food to eat to celebrate Halloween and the school break.
Photo by: Aaina Reynolds



Students in Mr. William Melby's Statistics class laugh at one of his jokes. The class was celebrating Thanksgiving by talking about their favorite holiday foods to eat. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund

Elizabeth Avalos (11) and Megan Durochik (10) check their homework during Mrs. Joan Loden's first hour Algebra II class. Loden's classes use the overhead every day to go over homework. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund



1 Mr. Eric Bushong, Mathematics, points to the overhead during an Algebra I lesson. The class was learning how to graph linear equations. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund

2 Deep Patel (12) and Pukhrajjeet Chhokar (12) try to concentrate on their work during a food day in their eighth hour AP Calculus class. The food days allowed the classes to have fun while working. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

3 Jessica Bell (9) copies notes in Mrs. Ann Downey's Geometry class. Downey was working through proofs on the overhead with the class. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund

SOPHOMORES SEDULOUS

Out of **887** sophomores, **3** are in Pre-Calculus Honors. They have all taken Algebra I, Geometry Honors, Algebra II Honors, and are in Pre-Calculus Honors, and **1** is also in AP Statistics. They all plan on taking AP Calculus BC during their junior year and are exploring the possibility of college math courses during their senior year.



"I decided to take extra math classes because I really like math. It's one of my favorite subjects. I'm leaning toward something medical or engineering for college. I'd like to go to MIT," Mufaddal Udaipurwala (10) said.



"For college, I'm aiming for Ivy League. I plan on attending the best school that I can get into. I take so many math classes because I want that advantage over the other kids applying, and I also enjoy finding patterns," Keertan Kini (10) said.



"Math is my favorite subject; I really like it. I'm interested in being an engineer. I wanted to take more math classes because the more math I take, the better off I will be for college," Thomas Lozanoski (10) said.

One? Two? No, there's three languages for students to choose

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE

It's that time of year again. Everybody has to go through it. And it's just another reminder that you're slowly getting older, it's time to schedule.

And a part of most students' schedules usually have to include some sort of foreign language in order to graduate. Lake Central offers three foreign language courses in French, German, and Spanish, each that go up to a fourth year in honors. Everybody has their own reason as to why they take the language they choose. Some students are influenced by family roots and connections to the language.

"I am German I and I thought it would be interesting to learn the language of my ancestors. I'm a quarter German and I thought taking the class would be easier since my sister is in German II," Alexandria Miskus (9) said.

Family influenced why Kerri Clark (12) has taken Spanish up to the fourth year honors level.

"My older sister took this language and she enjoyed it so I thought I would also. I will probably continue on in college because I feel as if the past four years have prepared me," Clark said.

Some students feel the need to continue a language simply because their teacher makes learning a language an enjoyable experience.

"Ms. [Leslie] Iwema makes class very relaxed and fun. Sometimes she pulls a dart gun out and shoots kids or sprays them with a water bottle. She makes German fun," Miskus said.

The preparation for life after high school is also another appealing factor to students of foreign language.

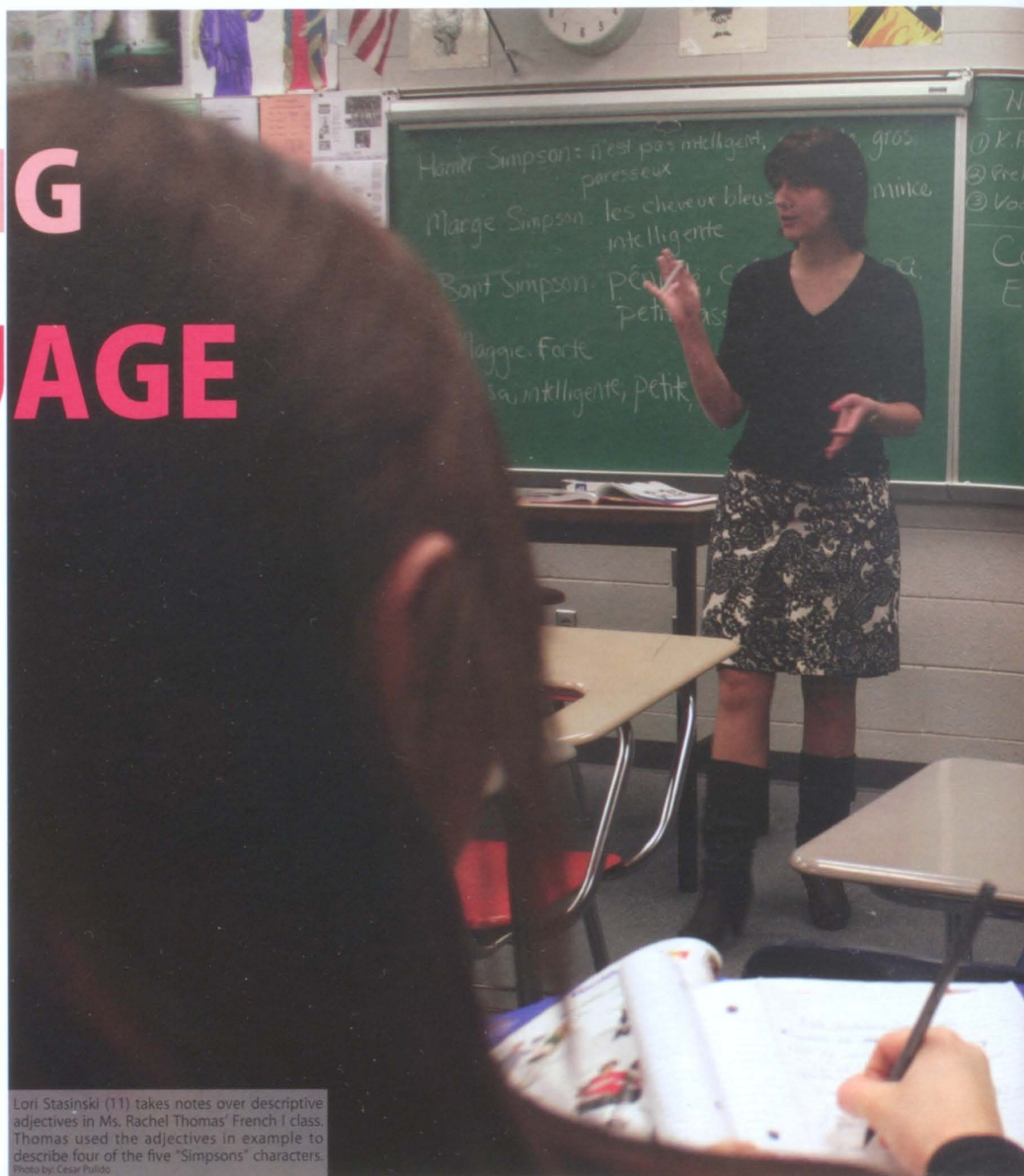
"I took Spanish because it is one of the top 3 spoken languages and will be a strong language to have and will help me get a job later on," Zachary King (10) said.

Life after high school not only includes a career, but learning the language in college.

"I am interesting in taking some German classes in college. Herr [Mike] Hensley's superior teaching skills have prepared me very well, and hopefully, I can earn a lot of college credits when I take the German entrance exam," Julia Stecyk (12) said.

So, whatever the reason for taking a foreign language, whether it be family, culture, or simply because your friends are taking it, it has become quite clear that a lot more goes into consideration than just taking whatever language happens to be popular at the time.

& Cesar Pulido
Justin Seiber



Lori Stasinski (11) takes notes over descriptive adjectives in Ms. Rachel Thomas' French I class. Thomas used the adjectives in example to describe four of the five "Simpsons" characters. Photo by: Cesar Pulido



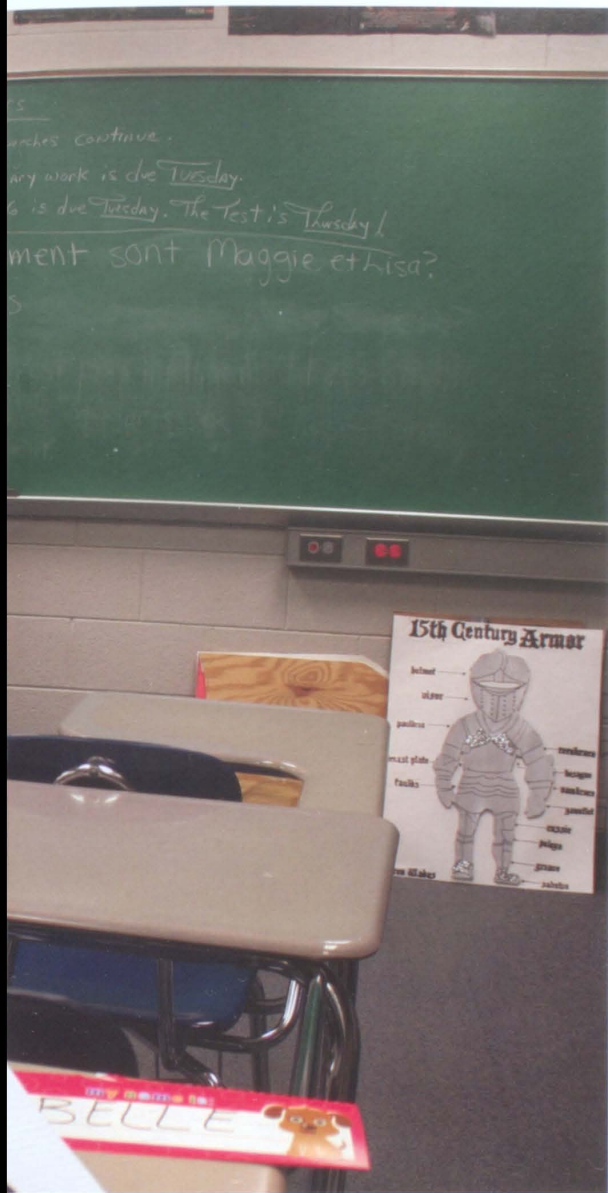
Two of a Kind

Imagine being away from home; longer than a vacation. Only immersed in a strange, foreign country. Does this sound like your kind of trip? No? Yes? Well, meet exchange students Kim Feder (11) and Charlotte Thesing (11) who arrived from Germany.

"At first it was a little bit different and I had to get used to the American customs, but I got used to it kind of fast," Thesing said.

The people of Lake Central have made our exchange students fit right in.

"I really love Lake Central. It was always my biggest dream to go to a real, American high school with lockers and yellow buses. And now I am here, it's awesome. It's like I've [always] imagined high school life. I like the school spirit," Feder said.



A day in France with Erin Myers

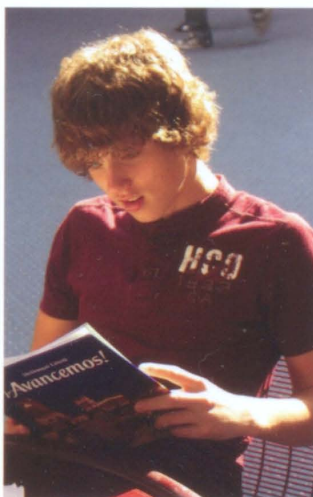
- 7:00 wake up
- 8:15 attend culture class
- 11:15 conversation class
- 12:15 walk to lunch
- 2:15 shop, eat, free time
- 4:00 go home, watch TV and do homework
- 6:00 talk with host parents
- 8:00 have dinner



Erin Myers (12) was selected to go to France as part of an honors program

through IU. The immersion program puts the student through seven weeks in the country of the language studied and are not allowed to speak English for the entire trip. "There were many times where I just wanted to blurt something out in English. It definitely made the trip scarier," Myers said.

Marc Gjeldum (10) studies Spanish II during SRT with assistance from fellow classmates in the Freshman Center. The group often studied together in the during SRT. Photo by: Justin Seiber



1 Mrs. Leslie Iwema's 7th hour German II class practices their speeches among themselves. The class later gave presentations about famous German people. Photo by: Lucas Rey

2 Jake Kline (9) and Dennis Jashenski (9) do a textbook exercise in Ms. Rachel Thomas' French I class. The class was learning about descriptive adjectives. Photo by: Justin Seiber

3 Taylor Lehnert (10), Ryan Pachowicz (10), Bogdan Jevtic (10), and Dylan Morang (10) color skeletons in Spanish class for Day of the Dead. They were later displayed in the class. Photo by: Shannon Farrer



Emily Eaton (10) goes over French verbs during SRT with Mrs. Nancy Tilka for her French II class. Verbs and use of grammar are essential in French II as it builds speaking ability. Photo by: Cesar Pulido

Emily Thompson (10) colors in a skull for Day of the Dead in her Spanish II class. Day of the Dead is typically celebrated November 1 in most Hispanic cultures. Photo by: Katrina Burgos



Daina Dangerfield (12) reacts the story of "Tristan and Yseut" in her French IV Honors class. The level IV class focuses on the history as well as literature that is important in French culture while reviewing vocabulary and grammar. Photo by: Cesar Pulido

More than an artist

Erin Zlotkowski (12) talks about her artwork.

“I’ve been interested in art since I was little, and since then I’ve stuck with it. I have been in **10** art classes since freshman year. I plan on pursuing a career in graphic design. My favorite thing to draw is abstract designs. I am inspired by my imagination; if you can express it, draw it. The thing I love most about art is you can create whatever comes to mind. **The mind is too wonderful to not be seen,** Zlotkowski said.**”**



1 Hollie Reynolds(11) works on her ongoing project during Art II. Reynolds created her design with elements of other artists' designs and proceeded to make duplicates of it on her paper.
Photo by Lani Castaneda

2 Rebecca Sawicki (10) solders her stained glass project carefully during Intro 3D Art. The soldering iron can rose around 800 degrees, and safety goggles must be worn to prevent damage near students' eyes. *Photo by Jennifer Gamboa*

3 During Ceramics I, Kalee Rydlewski (11) and other students paint pinch pots to resemble Indian Culture. The students previously had to watch a demo on how to properly roll their mugs and cut out their mug slabs. *Photo by Alli Dockweiler*



Jonathan Sommer (12) wheel throws clay for fun during an Advanced Ceramics class. Sommer aides for the class, which was learning how to stencil. *Photo by Alexea Candreva*

Mrs. Maureen Yaeger, Art, checks over a drawing created by Art II student, Mario Vega (12). During his free time, Vega drew animals portraying fellow classmates for his own amusement. *Photo by Lani Castaneda*



Laura Herman (12) solders her stained glass project during Intro 3D Art. Mr. Paul Volk allowed the students to watch "The Simpsons" as they worked on their projects. *Photo by Jennifer Gamboa*

Art students find their calling in the world of art

INTO THE WORLD OF ART



Some students who take an art class just want to acquire an extra credit and don't plan on pursuing an art-related career. Yet for the savvier art students, the classes are a way to escape from a typical day and bring out their talent.

"I love to draw. I always drew when I was little. Salvador Dali's surrealist paintings have kept my interest," Mario Vega (12) said.

Art-related careers are becoming more common among young adults.

Kaitlyn Stancy (12) said, "Art is such a broad field. I mean, look at advertising, it's all about art."

Reasons like these cause students to find greater significance in art during these modern times. One student, Brittney Garrett (12), is even traveling across the country, after graduating at semester to seek her passion.

"I plan to head to California and live there until graduation in June. I want to look at many colleges while I'm there, and I'll go back to the West Coast in the fall to pursue graphic design. It's something

I love doing, and I plan to never stop educating myself about graphic arts," Garrett said.

Students can expose their best qualities even in casual career choices.

"I want to become an art teacher because I couldn't see myself doing anything else," Vega said.

Not everyone is so sure of their future; many students spend time after high school trying to decide what they want to do with the rest of their lives.

"I'm still deciding on whether or not I should go into a career with art. I don't know how bad people will need art if there is some kind of crisis going on in the world," Stancy said.

No matter what decision they make, one thing is sure: art students will never fail to achieve creativity and give inspiration to those around them.

"That visual product, the whole experience of creating something that evolves from your mind, it's so fun," Stancy said.

& Lani Castaneda
Trisha Tornincasa



Brittany Barnoski (12) melts glass pieces together on her stained glass project. The Intro 3D Art students also began to make glass beads for their upcoming project. Photo by: Lucas Rey

"Visually experiencing history enhances the reality of the event," Zoe Zontos (11) said.

Since the beginning of the school year, junior Zoe Zontos has been borrowing DVD's from U.S. history teacher Mr. Tom Clark. He trusts his students enough to take home any movie from a large selection of history DVD's as a source of reinforcement in the lessons taught during class. Zontos is one of the many students who take advantage of this opportunity to learn outside of the classroom.



1 Lynn Zeheralis (11) puts in Mr. Brian Szalonek's fifth hour AP U.S. History class for extra credit points. In order to be able to putt, a person must participate in answering his question of the day. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

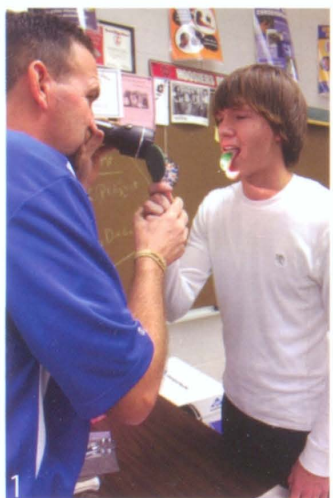
2 Joseph Turman (11) pretends to propose to Alyssa Ippolito (11) while dressed up in Mr. Brian Szalonek's U.S. History Honors class for Civil War Day. Haley Damron (11) laughed while Turman acted as a young Union soldier in love. Photo by: Caitlin Kowaleski

3 Mrs. Teresa Zentz, Social Studies, teaches her students about the history of sociology. She stated the fact that the difference between Sociology and Psychology is that Sociology is the study of social interaction where Psychology is the study of mental behavior. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

1 Bradley Spicer (12) gets his taste buds examined by Mr. Ralph Holden in AP Psychology. "He was putting food coloring on our tongue to see if you can taste things. It showed the amount of taste buds," Spicer said. Photo by: Emily Demario

2 Tom Clark, Social Studies, teaches his new Contemporary U.S. History class. "It's all seniors and I love it. It's a real in depth class to the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s," Clark said. Photo by: Caitlin Kowaleski

3 Nolan Mancera (12), Matt Bjorklund (12) and Stephen Borkowski (12) talk in their AP Economics class. "We made out economically, learning about different financial opportunities between Trail Blazers and Tahoe's," Borkowski said. Photo by: Lani Castaneda



Mr. Tom Clark's U.S. history students discover the reality of the Vietnam War

PUTTING A MEANING BEHIND NUMBERS

A hands-on learning experience can be worth more than mindlessly droning on textbook chapters. Students in Mr. Tom Clark's history classes have a fantastic opportunity to learn about the Vietnam War through the eyes of the Hoosiers and their families who experienced it firsthand.

"You're not reading history, you're writing it," Clark said about the students who explore these files.

By actually researching a Vietnam Veteran, the students achieve a new level of understanding about the war. They create a file containing personal information in order to preserve the names of these young men who joined or were drafted into the war. Though this is assigned for arts grade, it is still a very rewarding project whose meaning can be more significant than just attaining points. The students' goal is to obtain as much personal information as they can. This can be done by contacting schools, work places, and actual living relatives of the men who served.

"I see how much it means to the families and I understand how devastating it can be for them. That one piece of information can be consolation for grieving families," Hannah Nava (11) said about the meaning behind the assignment.

How exactly did something this extraordinary come into play? There are over one thousand files about the men from Indiana who gave their

lives to service our country. And what exactly sparked the motivation to begin recording the lives of these heroes? According to Clark it all began in 1986, after the war, when a young student questioned why the school was without a Vietnam memorial. Months of research revealed that there were in fact several Lake Central students who died in Vietnam.

This inspired Clark to go out and find more Vietnam Veterans in Indiana. His intention was to find every Lake County family, but eventually it grew into the goal of finding the families of every boy in Indiana who lost their lives during the war.

The government of Indiana eventually got involved and recognized the high school students for their hard work. Lake Central students were put in charge of checking the names on a memorial in Indianapolis.

This year has been a success for Clark; over seventy families have been found during the first semester of school. Every week he still receives letters from his students in the past who have worked on this project. Some have even mentioned that it has inspired their future goals.

The Vietnam project has shown that 1,089 is not just a number to the students researching the names of those men who gave their lives, it's "putting a face to a name," as Clark has told his classes.

8 Chelsey Banasiak
Caitlin Kowaleski

Ryan Grunewald (12) and Kasey Wade (12) attempt to walk around C Hall with drunken goggles on. "It was harder than it looked; I needed Ryan to help me get around," Wade said. Photo by: Emily DeMario

MOVIN' ON UP WITH AP

Students from all sorts of English programs meet up in AP English

There are three kinds of students that come to Ms. Penny Tokoly and Mr. Christopher Engel's AP English classes. One kind is the students that have been in strictly Merit English classes since middle school; another is the kids that have hung out in Honors English classes; and the last is the students who venture into AP English without ever have being in an advanced English class, and it is only in the two teachers' classes that these students unite.

Alexandra Heinrichson (11), however, is a different kind entirely. "I decided to go to Andrean High School instead of Lake Central my freshman year because I wanted to dance there," Heinrichson said.

Grace Calderone (11) was not new to the school, but she was new to the pace of advanced English classes.

"You read a lot more books and do more

style exercises. It's more work than regular English was," Calderone said.

But Calderone is pleased with the change. "[Being in AP English] has changed a lot," Calderone said. "You're not stuck with a bunch of kids who don't care and mess around. Everyone in class is there to learn and get something out of the class."

This enthusiasm, however, doesn't mean that the class has been smooth sailing.

"Sometimes [I regret taking it]. It's a lot of homework, and sometimes you just want a break from it all," Calderone said.

Heinrikson also agrees that AP English, her junior year, has been a pretty heavy load.

"It's a lot of writing, and it's fast paced," Heinrichson said. "It's been paper upon paper, and that's more time-consuming than difficult for me."

Raymond Baker (11), a former Honors

English student, hasn't noticed a real change from his sophomore English days.

"It's pretty much like the same thing as Honors English," Baker said.

Kaitlin Westlund (11), a former Merit English student, however, notices the difference between her old English class and this one.

"I've been with a lot of the same people since I was in fourth-grade Merit, and this year, I'm with a lot of people I don't know," Westlund said.

She, too, had to adapt to a new kind of class.

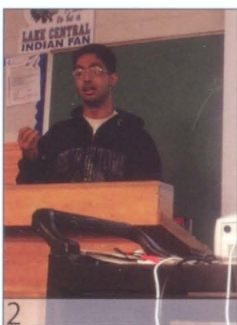
"It's been an adjustment, because I'm used to English being literature-based, and this year has been a lot of writing," Westlund said.

Emily Hogg,
& Stephanie St. Amour
Katrina Burgos

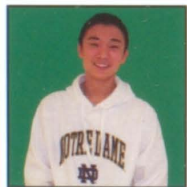
1 Adrienne Kristevski (10) gets a snack in her English class. The class pitched in to throw a party for Mrs. Sylvia Felecos's, English, retirement and the upcoming holidays. Photo by: Anthony Perez

2 Keertan Kini (10) presents a project during Mr. Darrell Wierzal's eighth Hour Merit English class. Every group project had to pertain to Africa in some matter. Photo by: Katrina Burgos

3 Cara Howes works on the computers on wheels in Mrs. Betty Samples's Intensive Writing class. The class wrote about the transition from middle school to high school. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour



SOPHOMORE SPEECH



"I thought speech was going to be a joke, but it actually turned out being okay. I see why it's a required class."

Jacob Lippe (10)

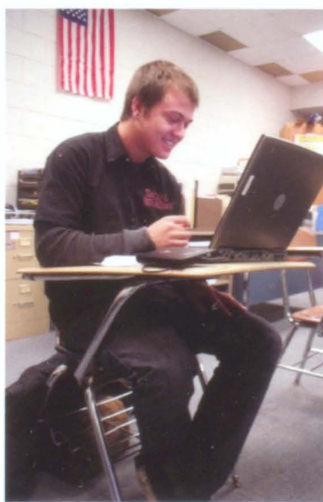
"I love speech class! Sure, it's a lot of work and practice, but I know it'll be worth it in the long run."

Megan Bereda (10)



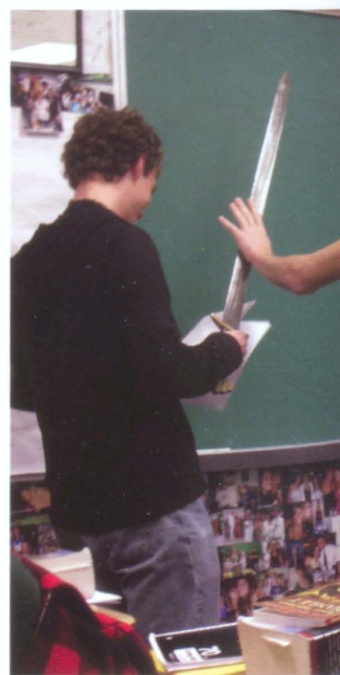
"I had Mr. [Darrell] Wierzal so it was really cool. I got a lot better at speeches because I was more comfortable with him."

Danielle Littrell (10)



Robert Beamsterboer (12) cracks a smile while typing in Mrs. Betty Samples's Intensive Writing class. The class had one hour to complete an essay. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

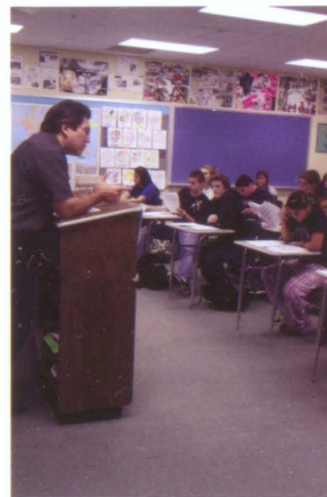
Jonathan Sommer (12), Zachary Propper (12) and Marc Brouillette (12) act out a scene from *Hamlet* in Mr. Ron Fredrick's third hour AP English class. Each act was translated into modern English. Photo by: Michelle Sweeney



ENGLISH



Stephanie Stremplewski (10), Renee Vukelich (10), Amanda Decker (10) and Amanda Nacovski (10) grab some snacks in Mrs. Sylvia Felecos' English, third hour English class. It served as both a holiday party and a retirement party for Felecos. Photo by Anthony Perez



Mr. Rich Lawson, English, teaches his fifth hour freshman English class. They had just completed a test. Photo by Stephanie StAmour

Julia Druzicki (10) gives a speech during Mr. Darrell Wierzal's Merit English class. The presentations were in relation to the book *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Photo by Katrina Burgos

"THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT."

Theater students use the power of acting to help emergency response teams in the area

Sirens cry as St. John ambulances rush by. They're responding to a horrible accident. Twenty-two students were injured in a bus-train accident on Kennedy Avenue, sustaining glass in their foreheads, cuts, broken bones and other injuries causing cries and groans of pain. But after the dust settled, the injured simply got up, walked away and carried on with their lives. How? Because these were Mrs. Pamela Neth's Theater Art students helping emergency response teams across the area in responding to accidents.

It all started when Mrs. Neth asked her students if they would possibly be interested in helping out these emergency response teams.

"[Our class] needed community service, so we decided to get involved," Bianca Palumbo (11) said.

Though the involvement might have been strictly for class requirements at first, it didn't take long before the act started to get real.

"It was horrible," Jordan Butkus (12) said. "It felt so real. Just watching everyone with their injuries, worse than mine, made me feel like it was all really happening. I even started crying for real."

Other students looked at it from an acting point of view.

"It was easy to get into the moment, and at times, I forgot my burn was fake," Alexi Lewis (10) said. "Being surrounded by other good actors pretending to be in pain really gave the feeling of an actual accident."

The fake injuries were accompanied by real makeup, which either took from 10 minutes to complete, such as Butkus's, or up to an hour, like Palumbo's.

There was also some preparation for the accident outside of makeup.

"I practiced hurt faces in the mirror every once in a while," Lewis said.

The students involved received acclaim from the Lake Central School Board, which recognized them for their efforts.

"It felt great to be recognized. I'm proud of myself for participating in it," Palumbo said.

Butkus felt the same way about her participation in this unprecedented community service event.

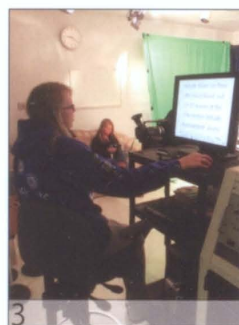
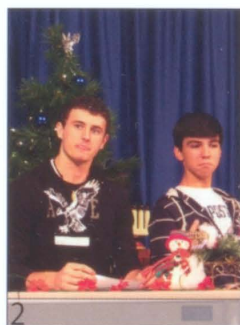
"It felt good to be recognized by the school board, because the people who did this don't really get recognized as often for what they do."

Emily Hogg
& Chelsea Keith

1 Kaitlyn Boecker (12) gets theatrical with Michael Flores (12) in the Advanced Theater Art class's production of *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. Boecker played Cinderella, and Flores played, among others, her Evil Stepmother. Photo by: Chris Perez

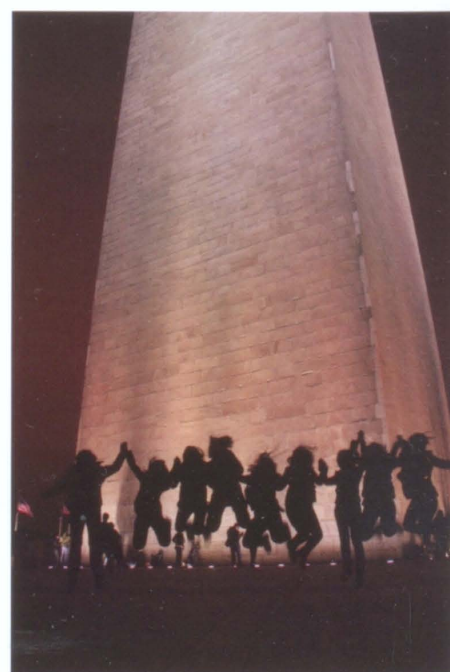
2 Maxwell Faulkner (11) and David Picioski (11) take a break during a taping of LCTV. While this might be Faulkner's first year with LCTV, this is Picioski's second year on the video production crew. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

3 Jill Sanders (12) keeps LCTV up to date with the teleprompter. Sanders has been involved with LCTV in some form since her sophomore year. Photo by: Catlin Kowaleski



Matthew Shute (10) acts as a "dog whisperer" during the guessing game Party Quirks in Theater Art. It took Clarinda Guevara (10) several tries before she could guess Shute's identity. Photo by: Anthony Perez

Brittany Massie (12) flashes a grin during "World's Worst" at the Advanced Theater Art class's Christmas show. "I feel like theater class is the one place where I can be myself, and just let myself go," Massie said. Photo by: Alexea Candrea





Alex Carnahan (10), Alexi Lewis (10) and other students in Theater Art and Advanced Theater Art walk to the scene of the accident. The students put this on for the emergency response teams in the Tri-Town area and were recognized by the school board along with their teacher, Mrs. Pamela Neth, English. Photo by: Sarah Steedt

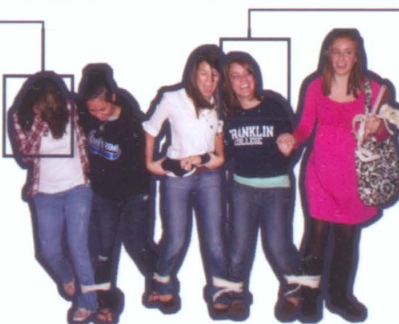


Mark Hill, the St. John Chamber of Commerce President, talks about Emily DeMario's (12) and Leilani Castaneda's (12) poster design. The journalism department was asked to make posters for the chamber. Photo by: Jen Gamboa

Members of the Quiver and Scout staffs take a leap in front of the Washington Monument. The two staffs attended the National Journalism Convention at our nation's capital. Photo by: Kelleigh Romba

A Lesson in Working TOGETHER

"At the beginning of the year, all of the editors had a tough time working together at one computer and working on developing this yearbook. So eventually, Mrs. [Sarah] Verpooten, [English] got fed up with us and taped our ankles together. None of us could believe that we were really connected to each other. The important thing was that we all worked together and learned our lesson."



Jennifer Gamboa (12), Jessica Moore (12), Allison Mender (11), Michelle Sweeney (12), Megan Trincot (11)
Photo by: Katie Skura

"VP [Mrs. Sarah Verpooten, English] had been yelling at the editors because she wanted us to work at one computer so we could get the cover designed. VP told us all to line up, and we didn't know what was going on. Then, she brought out the tape. She told us we had to stay together for the rest of fifth hour and SRT. We were mad because Christopher Perez (11) wasn't there. None of us liked being taped together, but it really helped us work."

Jennifer Gamboa (12)

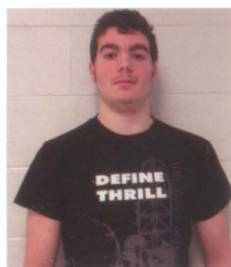
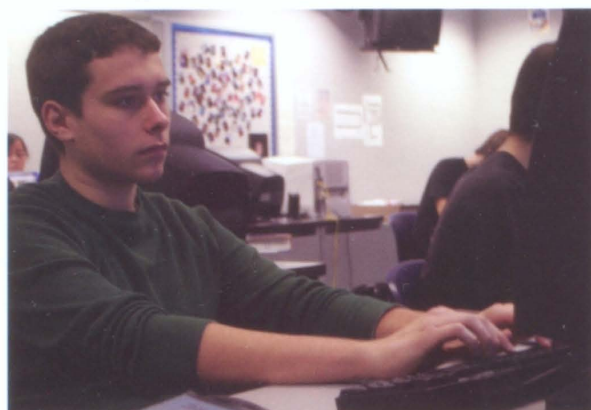
Michelle Sweeney (12)

The Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Marketing classes travel to U.S. Cellular Field to talk to the Director of Marketing. The students touched home plate and visited the Sox Locker Room. Photo by: Mrs. Cyndi Hurley, business

Cody Davitt (10) practices typing in Mr. Todd Iwema's, business, fourth hour Digital Communications class. Students had to practice typing every class. Photo by: Michael Robinson



Jason Piercy (12) works in AP Computer Science. "I like programming and I consider maybe minor in it later," Piercy said. Photo by: Michael Robinson



not just funny business

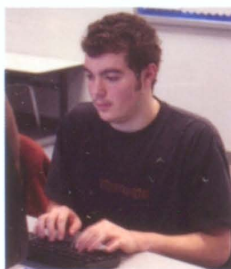
with Constantine
Boulazeris (12)

Q What advice would you give somebody who wants or is thinking about taking AP Computer Science?

A Take a programming class before because if you don't you will be really lost."

Q Why did you take AP Computer Science?

A I enjoy programming and I wanted a challenge and this class challenges your knowledge. It makes you think what the computer is thinking."



1 Adalee Payne (9), Jade Price (9), Symone Parker (11), and Martha Mota (11) work together in Marketing class for their project. The students surveyed products brought in by other students. Photo by: Brittany Grzesik

2 Jeffrey Nottingham (12) presents his two products to see if students like Vault or Mountain Dew better during his Marketing class. "In the beginning Mountain Dew was winning but in the end Vault won. I prefer Vault myself," Nottingham said. Photo by: Brittany Grzesik

3 Madisen Redar (12) and Cynthia Dominguez (12) copy notes in Personal Finance. "I figured the class would help me out later," Dominguez said. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds



Cindy Geertsema (9) and Jessica Scott (9) decorate Mrs. Cyndi Hurley's wall for Marketing. "I thought Marketing would be a lot of math but it's fun and we do a lot of activities," Geertsema said. Photo by: Theodora Bairaktaris

The business classes
act as restaurant critics

WELCOME TO TACO BELL

"Welcome to Taco Bell, are you ready to order?"

Hearing these words may not be expected during an ordinary class day; however, Mrs. Cyndi Hurley's , business, third and eighth hour Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Marketing classes heard these words spoken to them during a class trip. The students had to get parental permission to walk to the Taco Bell on Route 41 during class for about 45 minutes to experience the role of restaurant critics.

"We went to Taco Bell at the end of our unit on restaurant/food service industry," Mrs. Hurley said. "The students compiled the information for the reviews and then compared evaluations between the two classes."

Students had to keep their eyes open for any imperfections they could find in the St. John Taco Bell. They were observing pricing, cleanliness, customer service, and products.

According to Joshua Spyrka (11), the students had to rate the restaurant using a five point number scale. For Mrs. Hurley's third hour, the unexpected part of the trip was the sudden change for the trip itself.

"We were supposed to go on another class day but we

changed the day because the weather was so nice," Jessica Clemons (12) said. "I was mad because I wore heels that day and we had to walk."

The trip may have caused troubles for students but, the opportunity to act as a critic let students truly understand the hardships of the food industry.

"I learned that it is important for restaurants to operate as if people are criticizing them at all times because pleasing the customer is what's important," Clemons said.

Since Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Marketing is a year-long course, students experience many hands-on projects; however, this class will not be continuing next school year.

"Sports and Entertainment Marketing and Fashion Merchandising and Marketing will be replacing the class," Hurley said. "We changed it because Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Marketing is a year-long course and many students can't fit it in their schedule."

The two new classes are year-long, but students can choose to take it for a semester. "We are hoping to put on a fashion show and donate the money to a charity," Hurley said.

&Brittany Grzesik
&Theodora Bairaktaris

POSSIBILITIES OF INTERNSHIPS

Interning provides valuable options and difficult choices

Most students in college get to intern, but students here have the unique chance to intern in high school. This program helps students receive real life experience, but there are requirements for the applicants.

"[Applicants] need to have professionalism, good attendance and promptness, and the willingness and ability to learn," Mrs. Kathy Rosinski, Business, said.

Students have to be ready to learn, and must be personable.

There are many benefits for students from the program, but there are also drawbacks. Students are faced with weighing the positives and negatives of the program.

"I love the experience and all the people I have met for networking,"

Sarah Niedzwiecki (12) said about her experience with the Dyer Police.

Most students have found the internship to be very helpful, but to be in the program students can be only enrolled in four classes a semester.

"I wish I could've taken more classes because the classes I would have taken would have helped me get into college," Brittany Bencur (12) said in reference to her goals of becoming a nurse.

Giving up three classes a semester is a major drawback, but students make it work.

"I like the fact that I have more time to do my homework for classes," Esteban Gutierrez (12) said.

The homework load is less, but they have to schedule around their work

schedules. Along with the added responsibility of the internship, some students also balance a sport.

"I had to rush back to tennis, and I was normally late. It didn't affect how I played tennis," Matthew Radencic (12) said.

Although being in the internship sometimes affects their sport, interns have found how to prioritize their schedules. Most of the students really enjoy the choice they made to be in the internship.

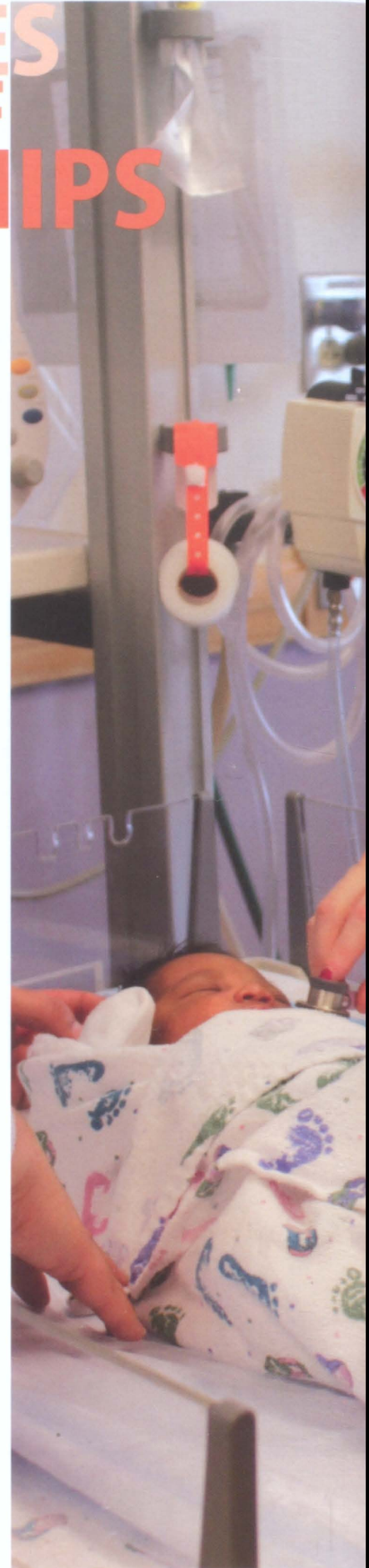
"It gives you great experience and really opens your eyes to what you're getting into for the rest of your life," Bencur said.

**& Alaina Reynolds
Katie Skura**



Mariyah Balthis (12) is instructed by the attending nurse how to listen to a baby's heart beat. Balthis gained experience working in the nursery. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

At Puntillo Dental Care in Crown Point Kelli Marx (12) is sterilizing dental equipment. Marx hopes to be a dental hygienist in the future. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds



THE SCHEDULE OF AN INTERN



Samantha Tarrant (12) working at her internship at Prosser Elementary

5:45	Wake up
7:15	Gov. Honors/Pre-Calculus
8:45	World Lit/DVD productions
10:21	School ends
11:00	Intern shift starts
2:00	Intern shift ends
2:15	Class Cabinet (President)
2:30	Tennis practice starts
5:30	Tennis practice ends
6:00	Zigg E's work shift starts
9:30	Zigg E's work shift ends



"Balancing a **busy schedule** has made me **mature** faster than an average student and **prioritizing** your time makes you realize what is important for **your future**."

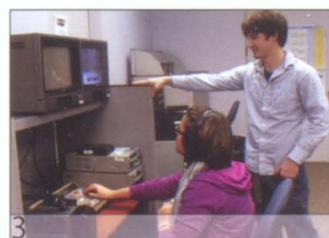
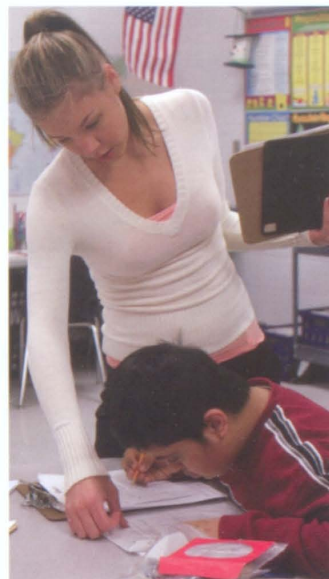
Samantha Tarrant (12) said.

BUSINESS



Carly Rodgers (12) listens to a baby's heart beat while working in the nursery on the seventh floor of St. Anthony's Hospital in Crown Point. The internship program has helped Rodgers prepare for her chosen career. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

Katherine Gergets (12) helps a student with his reading. Gergets interned working with the Westlake students at Clark Middle School. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds



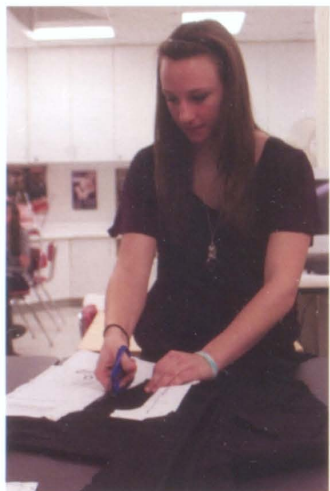
1 Megan Oldenburg (12) operates the camera at Lakeshore Public Television in Merrillville. Oldenburg was sent out on assignments along with working in the news room. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

2 Valerie Hill (12) video tapes an interview at Lakeshore Television. She was able to gain professional experience in her field of study. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

3 Megan Oldenburg (12) and Valerie Hill (12) work together reviewing tapes. Hill and Oldenburg interned at the same location, Lakeshore Public Television, during second semester. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

Christina Castillo (9) and Jillian Ryan (9) sit together and make hooded sweatshirts for Sewing I. "I love the class. You get to hang out with friends and make different projects," Castillo said. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund

Brittany Warzyniak (10) cuts a piece of fabric for her sewing class. The sewing classes make a total of three projects per semester. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund



1 Olivia Jallo (10) sprinkles sugar cookies fresh out of the oven. This was the last project for Cooking I before Winter Break. Photo by: Emily DeMario

2 Mark Cannon (12) focuses on preparing his group's chicken. Cannon was responsible for the chicken while other members of the group had other important tasks to complete. Photo by: Danielle Gioiosa

3 Megan Rastovsky (12) looks through a magazine during eighth hour Housing and Interior Design. The class was doing a cut and paste project. Photo by: Lani Castaneda



Child Development students take home robot babies for the weekend

BABY FOR THE WEEKEND

High school students go to downtown Chicago all of the time for fun. When they go, they may hang out with friends, shop or walk around, or anything else. But they usually don't worry about a toy baby that cries, gets hungry, laughs and needs its diapers changed. Kaylin Guglielmo (11) had that stress. Guglielmo took the Child Development which is offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"I went to Chicago for the weekend and I had to take care of the baby. We took the train and everyone was looking at me. People were wondering what a sixteen-year-old was doing with a toy," Guglielmo said.

Then the fun started when Guglielmo, her friend, and her friend's mom arrived in Chicago. The girls stopped at Dunkin' Donuts and then headed to Motion Unlimited for new dance shoes. Guglielmo had to get fitted for a new pair of pointe shoes, but

often had to stop in the process to get the baby to stop crying, and feed it.

"When I was in Dunkin' Donuts I had the baby in the carrier on the ground and my feet were on it. This guy came up to me and asked how I could have my feet on my baby. I just told him it was not real," Guglielmo said.

Having a toy baby for the weekend can seem to make plans impossible to keep. The student is forced to take care of the baby and make sure nothing goes wrong.

"There was a football game the weekend I had the baby and I could not go. I didn't want my baby crowd surfing," Guglielmo said.

Students take these babies home for extra credit. Their extra credit is based on the amount of points they acquire.

"The babies are computer programmed. I set the start and stop times and any quiet time in case the students have to work. The babies tell the computer what happens and

if anything goes wrong," Mrs. Kathy Szewciw, Family and Consumer Sciences, said.

It is a good decision on the students' part to decide to take a baby home. They are able to gain life experience.

"Taking home the babies gives the students a taste of what it's like to have a baby. It shows the reality of how people react. It's nothing like real life but it is a perspective of what it takes to care for a baby," Szewciw said.

Everything a student learns in school can be beneficial to them later in life. It's all about how they use what is taught to them. And taking home a baby really can show a student how to get responsible.

& Danielle Gioiosa
Emily DeMario
Kaitlin Westlund



Bryan Smith (12), Cody Barnes (11) and Jeremiah Oelberg (12) keep an eye on their skillet. The first hour Cooking II class made Ramen noodles with chicken and carrots. Photo by: Danielle Gioiosa

Kiana Turman (12) sews together a fleece blanket in Sewing I. The sewing classes had multiple projects and many students decided to make the fleece blankets. Photo by: Emily DeMario



Seamstresses show their stuff Senior girls sew their dress for Prom and graduation

“I’m making my dress for graduation. I started at the end of October. I really wanted to challenge myself. All I have to do is finish hemming and I’m done.” **DeYoung said.**



Rebecca DeYoung (12)



Yesenia Munoz (12)

“I’m in Sewing II. At first I wanted this to be my Winter Formal Dress but now I think I’m going to wear it for Prom or something else. I made it all in class time,” **Munoz said.**



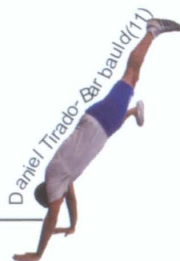
Anastasia Thomas (11), Alyssa Kasper (12), and Ryan Byrne (11) unwrap Hershey's Kisses for their Christmas cookies. “I couldn’t cook so I thought I’d better learn how before I go to college,” Kasper said. Photo by: Emily DeMario

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FAVORITES



"Out of all of the lifts we do, **benchpress** is my favorite. It's my strongest lift so sometimes I'll show off in front of the rest of the class."

"Leisure time sports in general is my favorite. It turns my world around. **It's like a big cartwheel.**"

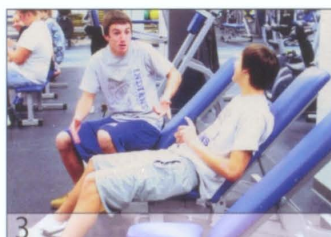
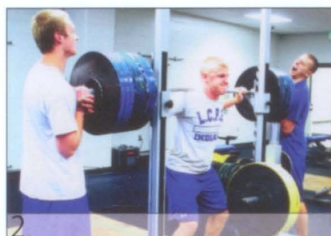


"**Volleyball** is my favorite because it gives me a chance to **relieve stress** and have fun at the same time."

1 Miranda Robinson (9) and Eva Vercel (9) run in gym class first hour. Freshmen are required to run two laps to at the beginning of class as a warm-up. Photo by: Sarah Steedt

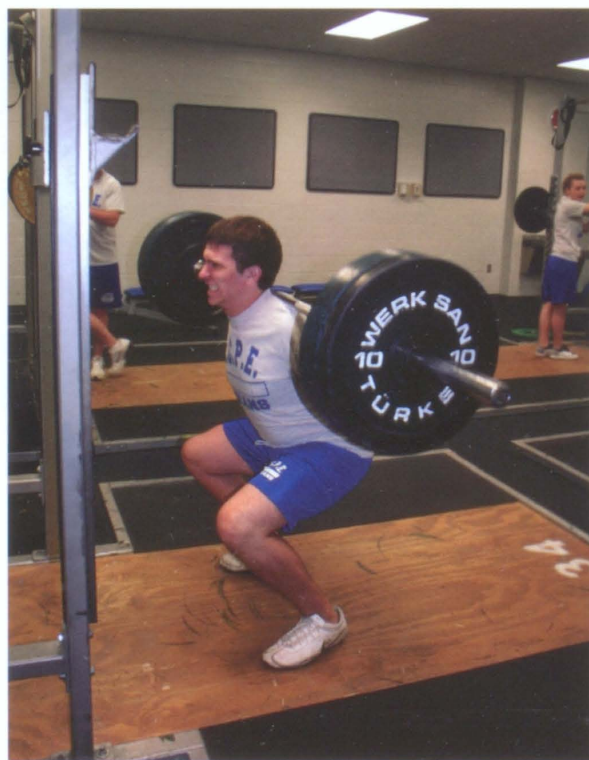
2 Tyler Szczecina (10) gets spotted by Zachary Beachee (10) and Benjamin Sporman (12) in their fifth hour Sports Conditioning class. "I think we need it so we can stay fit so our sports teams enhance and get better," Szczecina said. Photo by: Caitlin Kowalewski

3 Taking a break between workouts, Connor Doyle (10) tells Jacob Pluskis (10) about his weight goal for next year. "I really like working out during school because I push myself more since I'm being graded," Doyle said. Photo by: Caitlin Kowalewski



Rachel Giese (10) tells Megan Bereda (10) how to create a sling for a swimmer with an injured arm. Giese was the first in her class to pass this test in Lifesaving and Water Safety. Photo by: Anna Weber

Squatting his last rep, Cory Tedeschi (11) spends his first hour of the day lifting weights. "I decided to take this class to get swole," Tedeschi said. Fitness Training was offered for students who weren't in sports to learn how to stay fit. Photo by: Elena Navarro



LC students give P.E. a whole new meaning

WANNA GET PHYSICAL?

When you think of gym class, what comes straight to your mind? Those worn-out, foul smelling gym uniforms, or that star athlete whose goal is to rub it in everyone's face that they can do it all? Or how about that one kid who doesn't seem to get the concept of deodorant? Yeah, these thoughts do apply to some of us, but physical education isn't just what it may seem to be.

Leisure Sports: If you have ever walked into Mrs. Karen Arehart's fourth hour Leisure Sports class and watched the students play volleyball, you would develop a completely different concept for physical education. Just ask James Wanda (12) and Christopher Mori (10) about how Leisure Sports changed from being a "blow-off" to the "greatest class ever."

"She [Mrs. Arehart] will never be able to beat us in volleyball, ever," Mori said.

Kids with a positive attitude like Mori can make any class more exciting. They can have fun by getting competitive while playing against not only other students, but maybe even their own teachers, an anomaly that sometimes occurs in Leisure Sports.

Volleyball is one of the many different activities offered. There is also dodgeball, crab soccer, handball, water polo and yoga.

"Well, yoga is my favorite because it puts you in different positions to stretch out your body," Wanda said.

Sports Conditioning: Leisure Sports may get competitive, but Mr. Urban's fifth hour Sports Conditioning class takes their competition to the next level.

"I think we need [Sports Conditioning] so we can stay fit and our sports teams can enhance and get better," Tyler Szczecina (10) said.

Sports Conditioning is offered exclusively for athletes to avoid working out after school. Athletes from football players to cheerleaders have taken this class to help step up their performances.

The other advanced physical education classes offered at LC are Fitness Training, Life Saving and Water Safety, and the required physical education and Pool classes.

Lifesaving and Water Safety: But what's Pool without lifeguards? Lifesaving and Water Safety is a class available for anyone from grades 10-12 to learn the required techniques to be certified as a lifeguard. The class first becomes certified at CPR before they are able to train in the water.

"Some people take life guarding because they think it's a blow off class, but actually you have to work really hard because Mr. [Jim] Tonkovich won't pass you unless you know what you're doing," Rachel Giese (10) said.

Every single one of these classes requires some amount of effort. But it's the choice of each individual to make the most of his or her class.

Sarah Stedt & Elena Navarro

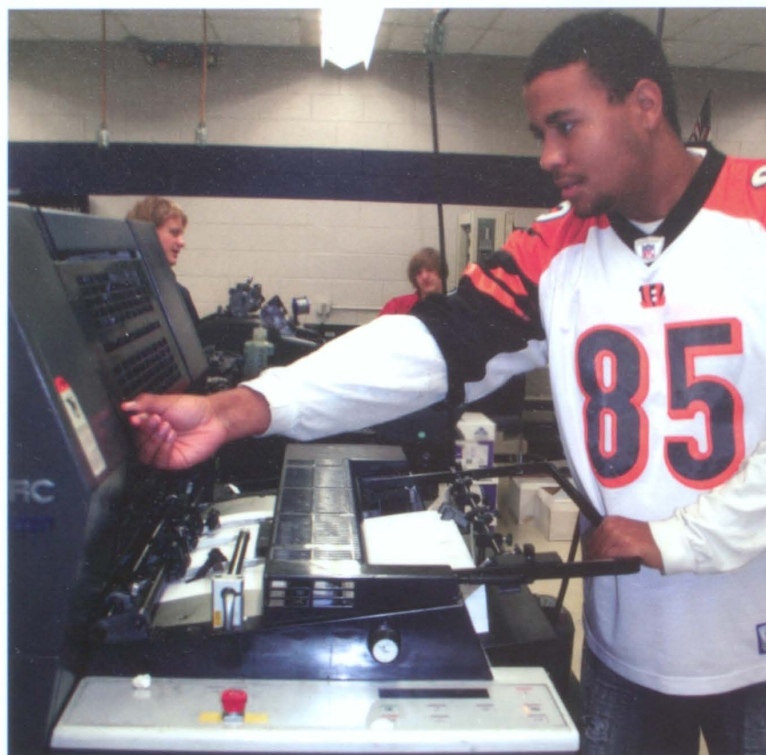
Doing their infamous "doop," James Wanda (12) and Christopher Mori (10) get wiled up for a game of volleyball. "The doop was from Beverly Hills Ninja, and was one of the funniest parts in the movie," Mori said. Photo by: Elena Navarro

Adjusting the ink levels, Michael Walker (12) prints out programs for the school's play *Oliver Twist* in Mr. Jereme Rainwater's A.M. Vocational Graphics class. The graphics classes does the printing for all of the schools in the corporation.

Photo by: Elena Navarro

Kyle Kelley (10) cuts a thick sheet of metal in Mr. Terry Richardson's A.M. Machine Shop class. Kelley decided to take this class because he likes being in a hands-on class.

Photo by: Brittany Grzesik



1 Jordan Jacquez (12) searches for fingerprints in Mr. Fulk's Criminal Justice class at the Career Center. The Criminal Justice program teaches students about criminal law with actual police training equipment.

Photo by: Elena Navarro

2 Daniella Zomparelli (12) goes over the proper way to do the Heimlich Maneuver for her nursing instructor. Zomparelli wants to pursue a career in nursing and is grateful that the Career Center offered it.

Photo by: Elena Navarro

3 Jeffrey Hartman (12) reassembles a broken computer in his Computer Technology class offered at the Career Center. The students that take this class learn about computer engineering, and get a broader knowledge of technology.

Photo by: Elena Navarro



What's The Career Center?

Inside, look at what students think about the Career Center.

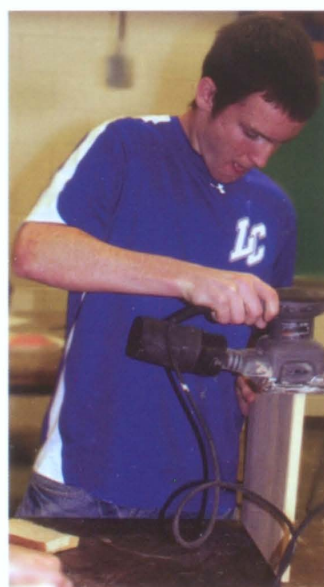
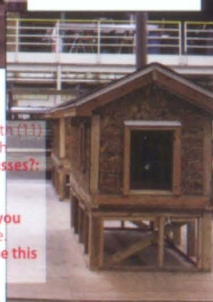


Name: Alysse Salmi (12)
Class: Culinary
Career Center or LC Classes?: Career Center, it's so much fun. There is more freedom and it's like college.
Most important thing you learned: The math, cost-outs, production yield & conversions.
Do you plan to continue this career? Yes



Name: John Kovacich (12)
Class: Welding
Career Center or LC Classes?: The Career Center. It is more fun and hands on
Most important thing you learned: Safety, how to bend metal and weld.
Do you plan to continue this career? No

Name: Christopher Smith (11)
Class: Construction Tech
Career Center or LC Classes?: Career Center, it's more hands on
Most important thing you learned: How to be safe.
Do you plan to continue this career? Yes



Stephen Letz (11) sands down a block of wood in Mr. Doug Burn's A.M. Wood Shop class. The students first have to learn safety precautions and basic techniques before moving on to more advanced projects.

Photo by: Brittany Grzesik





Joseph Gerling (11), William Brennen (11) and Michael Petrunaro (12) work together to do an oil change in Mr. Dennis Brannock's A.M. auto class. The students in do brake jobs, change gaskets, and fix electrical problems in cars. Photo by: Elena Navarro

Vocational students prepare for life time careers

HANDS ON IN V-HALL

The first thing Kyle Kelley (10), Stephen Letz (11), Michael Walker (12) and Joseph Gerling (11) do when they get to school is head down to the furthest end of V-Hall. Gerling walks down to Mr. Dennis Brannock's A.M. Auto class and goes to work on cars while Walker gets the presses going in Mr. Jereme Rainwater's A.M. Vocational Graphics class. Kelley goes to Mr. Terry Richardson's 2-3 Machine Shop class, while Letz goes to Mr. Doug Burn's Wood Shop class. And while each class covers completely different topics, they each offer students a chance to learn more about industrial work that could give students an advantage in advancing in a more hands-on career. All four boys said they'd recommend being in the vocational classes.

"[In A.M. Auto we do] brake jobs, oil changes, fix electrical problems and change gaskets," Gerling said. "I plan on going into diesel maintenance after school and use this class as a stepping stone."

Stepping stone or not, the vocational classes know the meaning of work: the A.M. Vocational Graphics class starts up the presses, divides school papers to print, and works on other projects that are required in class. The students in V112 are the ones who print out any type of papers, fliers, newsletters or newspapers that the school corporation hands out. Since they're so busy, this class takes up both first and second hours of blue days and fifth and sixth hours of white days.

"I don't notice how long the class is because you're always working on something. In order to get your work done, you have to make sure you're either working at one of the presses or doing work on the computers," Walker said.

But don't get the wrong impression of the vocational classes. For all of the work they may be churning out, the periodic kink is still inevitable. And after all, they aren't machines like the ones they work with. Vocational students can still have fun.

"Some of my funniest memories of high school happened in graphics. One time, Rainwater had us all printing programs for the *Oliver Twist* play. [Matthew] Huesca (10) was at one of the presses when all of a sudden the machine exploded. I looked over at him and all I could see was blue ink everywhere. I couldn't even help him because I was laughing so hard," Walker said.

The vocational classes benefit those who are interested in pursuing careers in the industrial field. As for Kelley, Letz, Walker and Gerling, they agree that the vocational program "is something to look into; especially if you learn better in a more involved environment."

&Elena Navarro
Brittany Grzesik

18 Students in AM Graphic Arts

95 Intro Auto students

VOCATIONAL

17 Students in Machine Shop 2/3

42 Lockers in room V117

A HEALTHY STATE OF MIND

Music department is more irritated than worried about H1N1

As of November 30, 44,640 official cases of swine flu have been reported in the United States and 1,155,603 cases worldwide. How big of an impact has the H1N1 virus made on students in music programs at LC?

"A lot of students missed rehearsals this marching band season, especially right before regionals," Mr. Christopher Harmon, band director, said.

The music department has taken more precautions compared to past years because of the expected increase of flu cases this year. Hand sanitizer dispensers were installed in both the band and choir rooms, and signs were put up to discourage students from going into the music office and spreading the virus.

"I think that students just need to use

common sense," Harmon said regarding the swine flu.

Lauren Wadas (10) insists that the so-called epidemic is nothing to worry about.

"They're making [swine flu] out to be a bigger deal than it should be," Wadas said.

During the summer, Wadas was sick for 10 days with a fever and had to miss almost all of band camp. Although she tested negative for H1N1, everyone assumed that she had swine flu.

Ian Bartlett (11) was caught up in the panic of swine flu when attending a music camp in hopes of going to Europe with an International Orchestra.

"We were all really excited and we prepared for a year," Bartlett said in reference to his trip with the Blue Lake Fine Arts camp.

They were planning on going to France, with intense week-long rehearsals in preparation for the trip. But when two of the students caught the flu after a pool party the night before, a mother of one of the musicians called the state health department.

"When we were 20 minutes away from the airport, our counselors got off the bus and had a two hour meeting. We checked the time and realized we only had five minutes until our flight. There was no way we would make it," Bartlett said.

The airline threatened to quarantine the group in the airport if they had made it to Paris, so the trip was cancelled.

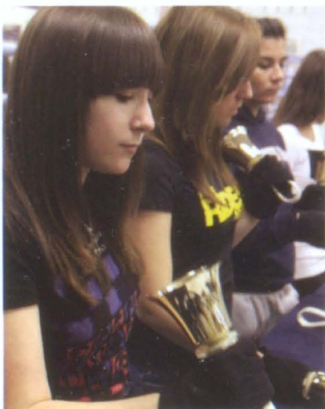
"It wasn't even swine flu, it was regular influenza," Bartlett said.

8 Danielle Gioiosa
Emma Harowski

1 Nicolle Kinzel (10) plays piano along with trepeliars during a practice. "I was playing the baby grand piano during Bells II and Hobbs asked me to accompany the choir," Kinzel said. Photo by: Emma Harowski

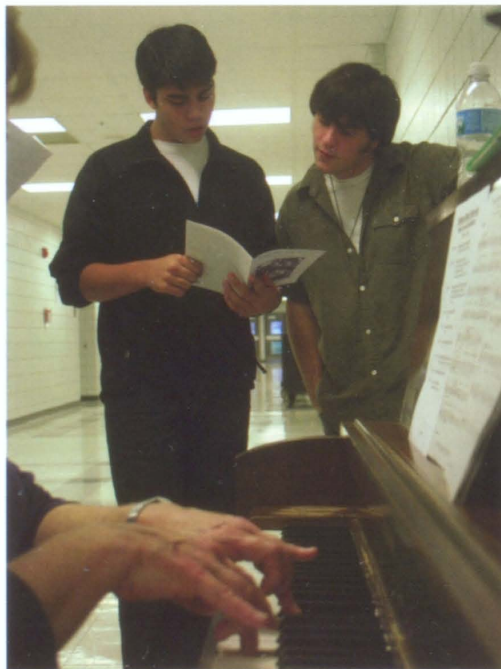
2 Ryan Kluck (10) listens to band director Mr. Christopher Harmon for instruction during a practice. The band practiced at the football field in preparation for a performance. Photo by: Emma Harowski

3 Kaitlyn McCabe (11) practices with other band members during SRT in preparation for the winter concert. They accompanied the choir in a Christmas medley. Photo by: Danielle Gioiosa

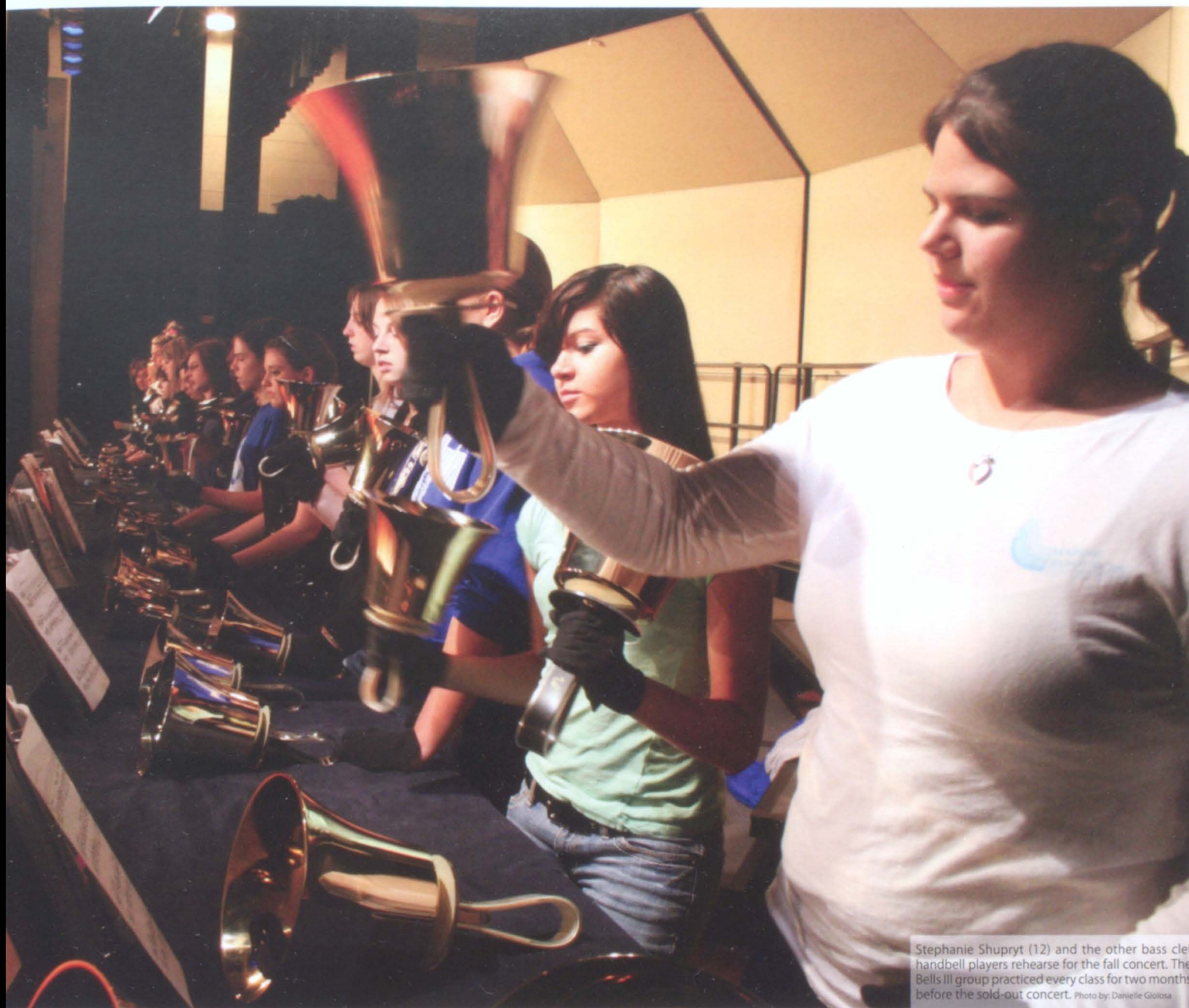


Kathleen Dienes (11) practices during the Bells III class. Dienes has been playing handbells for six years. Photo by: Danielle Gioiosa

Brian Bandura (10) and Tyler Mills (12) sing along during Counterpoints practice as Ms. Sandra Hobbs accompanies on piano. They practiced "Mary Did You Know" for the Christmas concert. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund



MUSIC



Stephanie Shupryt (12) and the other bass clef handbell players rehearse for the fall concert. The Bells III group practiced every class for two months before the sold-out concert. Photo by: Danielle Giolosa



Ms. Laura Lorentzen, music, practices with Da Capo during SRT. Lorentzen was the student teacher for the music department until December. Photo by: Emma Harowski

Joseph Finnegan (9) rolls on the timpani during band practice. "Rolling is the hardest part about playing timpani," Finnegan said. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

MS. LAURA LORENTZEN STUDENT TEACHER

GET TO KNOW SOMEONE NEW IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Q: PLANS AFTER LAKE CENTRAL?

"I graduate from college on December 13 [from Valpo University] the same day as our concert at Lake Central. I plan to find a job as a music teacher at either an elementary or high school."

Q: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR LC EXPERIENCE?

"This experience has been very rewarding. This group has shown me how great it can be when the students are not only good musically, but they also have good attitudes."

Q: WHY MUSIC EDUCATION?

"I love music. I love to sing. And I have always known I would be a teacher. It is the most rewarding career."

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

"I love to teach, but I also love to sing and perform. So my future goals are to get a Masters in vocal performance and teach at the college level where I can both teach and perform, or end up on Broadway!"



1 Joseph Soltis (12) warms up in the gym during SRT. Many Westlake students went to the gym during SRT and played games like volleyball, kickball, and basketball. Photo by: Megan Lynch

2 Lucas Groves (11) and Emily Banning (11) take a break and pose for a picture in the gym. Both students would frequently visit the gym during SRT to play games and have fun with their friends. Photo by: Megan Lynch

3 Halley Bolinger (11) asks Mr. Bryan Szalonek, Social Studies, if he would like a cup of coffee from the coffee cart. "The students put a smile on my face every day," Szalonek said about the students involved in the service. Photo by: Megan Lynch



ALWAYS WITH A SMILE

Westlake helps teachers start their day off right with coffee cart

Every morning, between 20 and 30 teachers come to school anticipating the arrival of their first cup of hot, delicious coffee. Whether they like their coffee black or with cream and sugar, the Westlake students always provide a hot cup of coffee they are sure to enjoy.

"It's a pleasant service," Mr. William Melby, Mathematics, said.

Mr. Darrell Wierzal, English, also appreciates the coffee cart coming every morning.

"They make my coffee just the way I like it," Wierzal said. "It's a pleasure to see the kids in the morning."

The students involved in the Westlake program at Lake Central enjoy providing the service as much as the teachers enjoy receiving it.

"My favorite part of the coffee cart is asking the teachers if they want coffee," Tara Smith

(11) said. Through the coffee cart, the students interact with teachers.

"My favorite part of the coffee cart is taking the money from teachers and giving them their coffee," Halley Bolinger (11) said.

The Westlake students also enjoy being out and about in the hallways of the school.

Mrs. Maryleah Fleener, Westlake, said, "[Joseph Soltis's (12)] favorite part of the coffee cart is getting out into the halls and seeing what's going on in the school."

Buying coffee from the morning coffee cart has given Melby a positive acquaintance with the students that is recognized even outside of the classroom.

"[The students] remember me in the halls and say hi," Melby said. "They think I am funny!"

Sometimes the Westlake students joke around with the teachers while delivering

the coffee.

"Sometimes they try to sneak up and surprise me," Mr. Bryan Szalonek, Social Studies, said.

Even though they sometimes joke with the students, the teachers have learned some important life lessons through their experiences with the Westlake students.

"[The coffee cart] reminds me that students are students, and that everyone is blessed," Szalonek said.

Whether it finds them during first hour or fifth hour, the coffee cart and the Westlake students bring smiles to the faces of the teachers for only \$0.25 a cup. •

Megan Lynch,
& Chelsea Keith
& Katie Skura



Tara Smith (11) pushes the coffee cart through the halls during fifth hour. "I like doing the coffee cart," Smith said. "I'm excited to do it next year." Photo by: Megan Lynch

Being a Westlake Aide

Students reveal what they like most about being a peer mentor for the Westlake Program



"I love working with the kids. They all have their own individual personality and they are fun to be around."

Brianna Davy (12)

"Even though I was the peer mentor, the Westlake kids taught me a lot about life and how to care for people."

Kenneth Couwenhoven (12)



"I can be myself around them. I joke around with the kids and the teachers. I can be their teacher but I can also be their friend."

Mark Cannon (12)

2 Teachers for Westlake | 14 Students in Westlake | \$0.25 For popcorn

WESTLAKE

50 Peer mentors | 1 Coffee cart | 9 Teens on Westlake basketball team



1 Emily Banning (11) throws a large volleyball in the air during the gym to practice her serve. "We played volleyball for just a few weeks," Banning said. "It wasn't very long." Photo by: Megan Anderson

2 Justin Frank (12) stretches in the gym to prepare for the activities of the day. The Westlake students warmed up for activities by listening to music. Photo by: Megan Anderson

3 Ashley Villanova (11) practices her volleyball serve in the gym during SRT. "I didn't like volleyball very much. My favorite part about going to the gym was playing with the ribbons," Villanova said. Photo by: Megan Anderson

what we do

meet

lead

CLUBS

the facts

01 club period for
20 minutes every
30 days
02 divisions of Art Club
41 official clubs

Clubs are that little way of going the extra mile. They're how we say, "I'm dedicated to this," without actually saying it. LC boasts a rich and diverse club repertoire. There are clubs for just about anything school related. You can choose to join Mr. Darrel Wierzal's, English, Debate or Ms. Sarah Roth's, Social Studies, Dollars for Scholars. And the list is really so long it could wrap around the new cafeteria, but that's not the point.

The point is that clubs say something else about the people who join them. An extraordinary chess player joins the Chess Club; A savvy spelling student joins the Hoosier Spell Bowl, and so forth. Students even start their own clubs here and there and if that isn't commitment, then what is? They're everywhere; it's hard to not trip over them.

But that's a good thing. It means we have options. And it means that who we are is defined by what we do just a little bit more. It's just what we choose.

the editors

Megan Hammer (12) paints a pumpkin during an N-Teens meeting on October 8. The pumpkins were then delivered to Dyer Nursing and Rehabilitation on Friday, October 9. The pumpkins helped decorate the nursing home for Halloween. "I really enjoyed decorating the pumpkins for the retirement home. I was able to be creative with it and I hope it made someone happy. N-Teens lets me be able to give back to others and help out with our Winter Formal. I'm really happy to have joined with my friends," Hammer said.

Photo by: Chelsea Keith



Kristen Kuechle (11) paints a homecoming banner in the courtyard for N-teens in September. "It was a bunch of fun because I was with a bunch of friends," Kuechle said. The group met outside with paint, and split into two groups to create the banners. "I thought it [turned out] really cool," Kuechle said. N-teens is a club that usually meets after school on Thursdays for the purpose of volunteering to help out the community and school in a close-knit group. The group plans winter formal and takes trips to a pumpkin patch and Chicago. Photo by: Cesar Pulido



Arthi Vezhavendan (11) listens attentively at a Student Council meeting. "I joined to get more involved. It's basically a lot of work. We did banners for Homecoming and decorated the fieldhouse and we organize a lot. I've been in Student Council since I was a freshman," Vezhavendan said. Student Council organizes LC Fest, Homecoming game and dance, the toy drive and the talent show. Members earn points by attending meetings and volunteering for community-based activities. Photo by: Megan Lynch



THE TUTOR

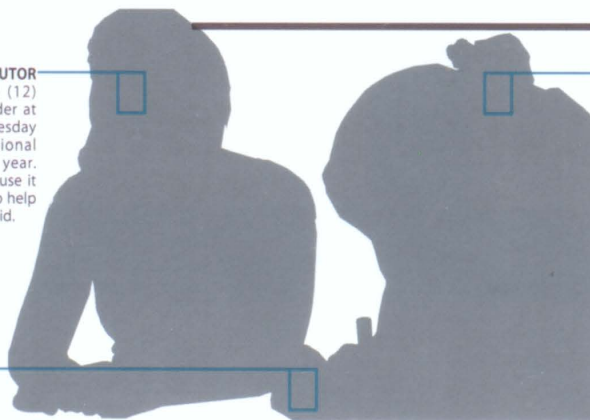
Charity Newsome (12) tutors a fourth grader at Protsman on Wednesday afternoons for National Honor Society this year. "I love to tutor because it gives me a chance to help others," Newsome said.

THE STUDENT

Newsome helps a fourth grader, Selena, every week. "I'm very glad to be a tutor," Newsome said.

THE SCHOOLWORK

"Usually we discuss the subjects reading, spelling and sometimes math," Newsome said.



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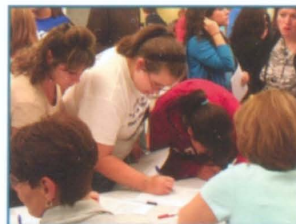
Charity Newsome (12) oversees her student at Protsman during a tutoring session on a Wednesday afternoon. National Honor Society sends eight tutors to Protsman Elementary School after school on Wednesdays. Photo by: Jessica Moore



Cody Harned (9), Zachary Propper (12) and Joel Mance (12) pray at the end of a Word of Life meeting. "I am glad I joined. I have made a lot of good friends in Word of Life. I enjoy the messages every Wednesday," Harned said. Photo by: Sarah Stedt



International Thespian Society sits around Mr. Raymond Palasz's, English, car after a fire alarm went off during their meeting. "It was a bit of pandemonium, but it worked out," Kelly Bourget (11) said. They got info about the fall play, Oliver Twist. "After, we played duck duck goose," Bourget said. Photo by: Emily Hogg



Kylee King (9), freshman student chair of Dollars for Scholars, signs up for a volunteer opportunity at a Wednesday Dollars for Scholars meetings. Dollars for Scholars organize events like the Spaghetti Dinner, Penny Wars and soccer teams for younger children. Photo by: Katrina Burgos

FOUR CLUBS: one mission

FUNDRAISE: Interact | NHS | Booster Club | Dollars for Scholars

Breakfasts Fuel Champions

Each year, Lake Central sends off another class of students to pursue their prospective careers. But those dreams usually come with a very large price tag. Dollars for Scholars can help.

"DFS is a fantastic organization that makes a difference by raising money for a cause close to home: LC students," Richard Reasons (12) said.

The Dollars for Scholars program tries to help boost our seniors, giving them aid in paying for college.

"We work to raise money for deserving seniors looking to further their education after high school. Students are given points on their essays, GPA's and activities they volunteered for during their high school careers. Their points are then totaled," Ms. Sarah Roth, Social Studies, said.

Roth is the new DFS sponsor at Lake Central. Dollars for Scholars awards students for their hard work in academics, extracurriculars and participation in the group's activities. Point totals affect the scholarship amount for each student.

While fundraising for scholarship money, DFS members also make a difference in the community.

"This is the first year I joined DFS. My favorite part is volunteering and having a fun time while doing it," Kristen Alexa (10) said. Students find themselves with many opportunities to earn points for Dollars for Scholars and help the school and community.

"I sold muffins in the morning," Alexa said.

To start off the school year, the group held DFS week. Students sold muffins, donuts and milk everyday in different parts of the school.

"I participated in the DFS breakfast week. I bought muffins every day to support this year's seniors," Julia Druzbecki (10) said.

Every dollar counts because in the end the money really adds up. Between all the fundraising events DFS holds, the club, on average, makes about \$60,000.

"Each dollar is important because all the money will go to seniors that deserve it," Sarah Geisheimer (9) said.

"Most [scholarships] range from \$250 to \$2,500," Ms. Roth said.

With these scholarships, dreams can become reality for seniors.

Katrina Burgos
& Jacquelyn Brazzale



David Revoir (11), Katie Kozy (11), Lauren Ashenbrenner (11) and Nicolette Mehas (11) make posters for DFS week. During DFS week, muffins and milk were sold in the morning before school. Photo by: Alexa Candrea



1 Abigail Melvin (11) hangs up posters advertising Penny Wars sponsored by Dollars for Scholars. The money raised is used for senior scholarships. Photo by: Anna Weber

2 Nikolina Ajder (12), Britney Tuskan (12) and Carlin Kowaleski (11) grab fundraising information at a Dollars for Scholars meeting. Members signed up to volunteer for the annual breakfast week. Photo by: Katrina Burgos

3 Kristen Alexa (10) and Anna Weber (10) read new information about fundraising. It was the first meeting of the year. Photo by: Katrina Burgos

INTERACT'S Big Impact

Clubs provide for every student's interests. Some students prefer academics or sports. In Interact, all students can impact their community.

"I joined Interact just this year. I thought it would be a good way to get involved in the community."

"Mr. Clark [the sponsor] is very committed to helping the community as much as possible, and he helps the students get involved through his enthusiasm," Sarah Wahlen (11) said.

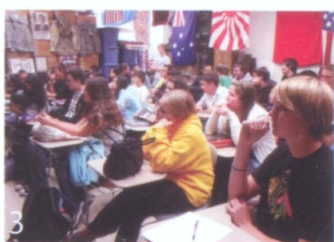
Interact members also get something back from participating.

Interact also helps students help their community.

"[Interact] benefits me because it motivates me to do good for the community, and it benefits the community by finding people to help it," Erik Plesha (11) said.



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1 Mr. Tom Clark, Social Studies, talks to Interact members about upcoming fundraisers for the club. They planned the Thanksgiving annual Food Drive. Photo by Rebecca Kimberly

2 Aiden Lane (12) carries bags of food and clothes for the food drive. Interact sponsored the drive and helped give less fortunate families a Thanksgiving meal. Photo by Katrina Burgess

3 Students meet in Mr. Tom Clark's classroom after school on October 7. Interact meetings were held weekly throughout the year. Photo by Rebecca Kimberly



ATHLETES CRUNCH the NUMBERS

Students know of the constant fundraisers held by the clubs in school, but clubs aren't the only groups who need money to continue, so do athletic teams.

Therefore, Booster Club held its first annual tailgate, where athletic teams sold everything from popcorn to old basketball uniforms. The tailgate was held before the varsity football game versus Crown Point High School.

At the end of the day the tailgate raised money to help financially support LC's teams and provide athletic scholarships.

Jane Gates (10) sells cotton candy to help raise money for the girls soccer team. The team sold over 100 bags. Photo by Jacquelyn Brazzale

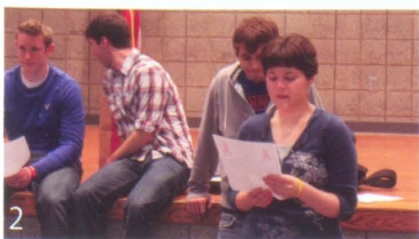
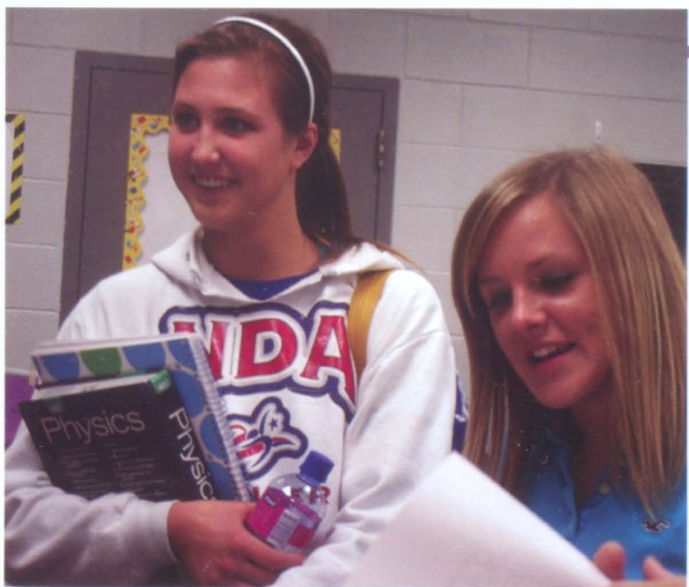


Cheerleaders dance to a DJ that was rented for the tailgate. The cheerleaders sold necklaces and face paintings. Photo by Jacquelyn Brazzale

Girls cross country sell energy drinks. Megan Dunn (12) and Christie Callahan (12) took a break to dance and enjoy the music. Photo by Jacquelyn Brazzale



Loai Issa (12) and James McNamara (10) sort old basketball uniforms to sell at the tail gate. Photo by Elena Navarro



Baking for a good cause

Students may look up to NHS members as leaders and role models but may not realize the extreme amount of fundraising that goes on behind the scenes.

"One activity that was enjoyable was volunteering for the Hospice of the Calumet Area Cookie Walk," Julia Stecyk (12), NHS president, said. NHS members participate in various fundraisers around the community, such as the Cookie Walk and the Chiari Walk.

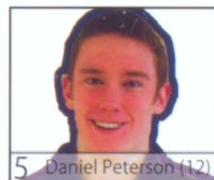
"Members baked cookies for the cause; we went one day to prepare dozens of cookie trays. Then we came back the next day to implement the Cookie Walk. The money benefits Hospice because it is a non-profit organization," Stecyk said.

Members experience a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment from helping out.

"It helps me to see what good can be done in a few hours time, and it helps the community to work better," Quinlan Phalen (12) said.



4 Quinlan Phalen (12)



5 Daniel Peterson (12)



6 Alaina Rodriguez (12)

1 Britney Tuskan (12) and Alaina Rodriguez (12) look at the information about a National Honor Society meeting. Members picked up Entertainment books to sell after the meeting. Photo by Shannon Farner

2 Julia Stecyk (12) and NHS officers discuss upcoming NHS events at a meeting on February 1. Stecyk explained the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer fundraising event that took place on March 6. Photo by Kim Feder

3 NHS members sign up to volunteer for an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer fundraising event in the LGI on February 1. Meetings were held where members could sign up for NHS events. Photo by Kim Feder

4 [I do] whatever is necessary such as moving things and helping people get what they need, usually a few hours at a time," Quinlan Phalen (12) said.

5 "I joined NHS to give back to a community and school that have provided me with numerous opportunities for success," Daniel Peterson (12) said.

6 "Everyone needs some help sometimes, and this is there for them. It makes for more well-rounded students and a happier community," Alaina Rodriguez (12) said.

EXTRACURRICULAR excursions

TAKE TRIPS: N-Teens | International Thespian Society

Theater: Culver Regionals

The morning of Saturday November 14, the Lake Central Theatre Company was in for an exciting day. It was the day of regionals, and the students could not be more excited to perform. Regionals were held at Culver Academy, and the accommodations provided were more than satisfactory.

"We got up really early so we could leave the school by 5. Then we took the bus ride down to Culver. When we got to Culver they had a breakfast for everyone," William Barry (10) said.

After everyone ate breakfast, the students all met in the Culver auditorium to start the shows.

"The theater was huge. I expected it to be small, but it was triple the size of [LC's]. Everyone treated us like we went there, not like we were visiting," Leigha Sweitzer (12) said.

Culver put on the first show. The LC company watched the shows which each lasted about 30 minutes each, and soon it was time for LC to go back-stage and get ready for their individual performances.

"The dressing rooms were nice, and there was plenty of room to get into character," Sweitzer said.

After getting ready, the students took the stage and put on their performance of *Oliver Twist* that they performed for the fall play.

"[The performance] felt like performing on a real professional stage because the stage was so big. The audience was big too," Sweitzer said.

After their performance, the judges assigned the schools and students ranks and awards.

LC placed in the top 10 schools. Tyler Mills (12) won the award for Best Actor from LC and also Best Supporting Actor for the region for his role as Fagin, an old man who harbors Oliver after Oliver escapes to London.

"I wasn't expecting to win best actor. It was really cool," Mills said.

Once the awards were handed out, the students left Culver and rode the bus back.

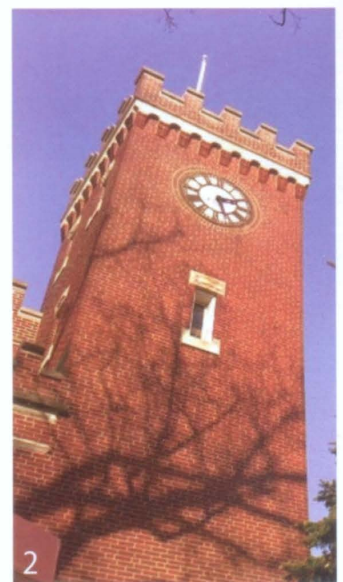
"All the shows were really good. The school that won first place did really well. Every year regionals has been at Warsaw High School, so having it at Culver this year was a new experience for us," Mills said.

The students were proud of their performance and were excited to be going to state in a few weeks.

& Alexea Candrea
& Stephanie St. Amour



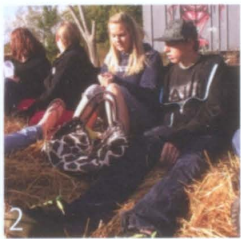
Lake Central Theatre Company members arrive at their regional competition. They placed in the top ten with their performance of *Oliver Twist*. Photo provided by Suzanne Mulligan.



1 Thespians Meagan Sipiora (10) and Alexia Dukes (9) put on their costumes and prepare to perform *Oliver Twist*. The dressing rooms were larger than the group was used to and helped them get into character. Photo provided by Suzanne Mulligan.

2 The theater regional competition takes place at Culver Academy. This was a first, in past years the competition has taken place at Warsaw High School. Photo provided by Suzanne Mulligan.

N-teens: Trip to Norm's



On Sunday, October 4, N-teens took a trip to Norm's pumpkin patch. When the students arrived, they took a hayride to the corn maze. Unable to find the way to the end, Alex Carnahan (10) cheated his way through the maze.

"We cheated because it was muddy and we wanted to beat everyone else. I also tried to scare people. It didn't work," Carnahan said.

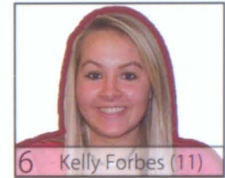
After going through the maze, the students arrived at the pumpkin patch and chose the pumpkins they wanted to use for a special project they were working on. The hayride picked them up, and they finished their night with smores and a bonfire. The students had a lot of fun, but the trip consisted of more than just that. At their next meeting the following Thursday, the students painted the pumpkins they picked out from the pumpkin patch. They painted them to help decorate a nursing home. The students were really excited to go on a trip and also to make that trip mean something to the community.



4 Maranda Fishback (11)



5 Steven Petrovski (9)



6 Kelly Forbes (11)

1 Alex Carnahan (10) cheats through a corn maze at Norm's Pumpkin Patch during the N-Teens fall trip. He had trouble finding his way to the end without cutting through. Photo by Michelle Sweeney

2 Kelly Forbes (11) and Matthew Stark (11) enjoy their time on the hay ride. They were excited about picking out their pumpkins. Photo by Michelle Sweeney

3 The N-Teens take a hay ride to the corn maze. After they had completed the maze they went to a pumpkin patch. Photo by Michelle Sweeney

4 [Norm's] was a really fun trip. It was nice to be able to help people while having fun at the same time," Maranda Fishback (11) said.

5 "N-teens is very helpful to society. The trip was a great way to have fun and help people," Steven Petrovski (9) said.

6 "Being able to paint the pumpkins and take them to the nursing home was really cool," Kelly Forbes (11) said.

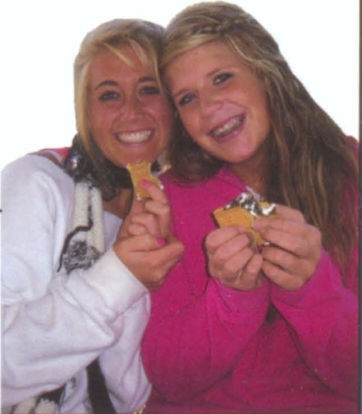
TRIPS with MY Best Friend

"I think [N-teens] is fun because I have my **best** friend right by my side, and we get to try different things and experience it **all together**."

Kailee White (11)

"I like to do [N-teens] because while you're [participating] it's fun, but you're also **helping** people. And then my best friend is there, so it's like

3-in-1." Tiffany Winchell (11)



N-Teens: Fun in Chicago

On Saturday December 12, the N-teens set out on an annual Christmas-time trip to Chicago. While most of the trips N-teens plans are in order to benefit society and LC, this trip is one dedicated to the bonding of the club members. The trip is definitely something the N-teens members look forward to.

"[The Chicago trip] is just for fun, and each member is allowed to bring a friend who is not in N-teens or a family member with for 10 dollars," Tiffany Winchell (11) said.

The students all left for Chicago on a bus together. Once they got there, they were dropped off at Water Tower Place, and Mrs. Erin Rawls, sponsor, gave them a meeting time. The students went their separate ways and were able to go shopping, walk around the city, take pictures, and eat food.



1 Joshua Schutte (11) and Tiffany Winchell (11) shop downtown during the N-teens trip. They walked around together after being dropped off by Water Tower Place. Photo provided by Tiffany Winchell

2 Jordyn Shields (11) and Tiffany Winchell (11) stand by one of the many Christmas trees downtown. The girls had fun shopping and walking around the city. Photo provided by Tiffany Winchell

3 Joshua Schutte (11) and Tiffany Winchell (11) have fun shopping and taking pictures downtown. They enjoyed the Chicago trip and are excited for next year's trip. Photo provided by Tiffany Winchell

BRIGHTENING THE community

HELP IN THE COMMUNITY: Interact | Environmental Club

LC Lends Haiti a Hand

On January 12, a devastating earthquake hit the small country of Haiti. Haiti's poverty level is one of the highest in the world, and the devastating natural disaster only made living conditions significantly worse. As a response, Interact set a goal of raising \$3,000 to lend a helping hand for Haiti. The money went to an aid relief organization for the country.

Students were able to purchase a piece of paper for the small, yet helpful, price of a dollar. Students would write their name on the colored piece of paper that was to be plastered on the wall outside of Mr. Tom Clark's, Social Studies, classroom in C-Hall. Hopefully, the more people who were willing to give up the change in their pockets, the closer Interact would be to their goal.

The attempt to raise money for Haiti was at first hindered by the Dollars for Scholars Penny Wars. The Dollars for Scholars administration was afraid that the money that was expected to be raised for the Penny Wars would instead be used to donate for Hope for Haiti.

Due to the problem at hand, the Hope for Haiti

project was postponed for two weeks. Many students were outraged by the delay.

"I really appreciate Dollars for Scholars and I think it's a great cause, but it was a matter of priority," Kaitlin Westlund (11) said. "What it said to me was that our school thought a little extra money for our education was more important than the value of human lives. What is that teaching us?"

With that in mind, students became even more eager than ever to help the cause that plagued a poor country. For some, the drive to help came from knowing that their efforts could affect people beyond the Indiana border.

"They like to know that they can make a difference for people outside the St. John Township," Hannah Nava (11) said.

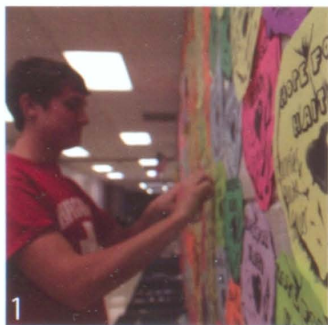
Students, including Nava, agree with the belief that the students could make a difference in the donations for Haiti.

The horrible situation that left Haiti crying for help not only impacted the world, but the horrible event also made an impression on students as well.

Scout Demir
Anna Weber



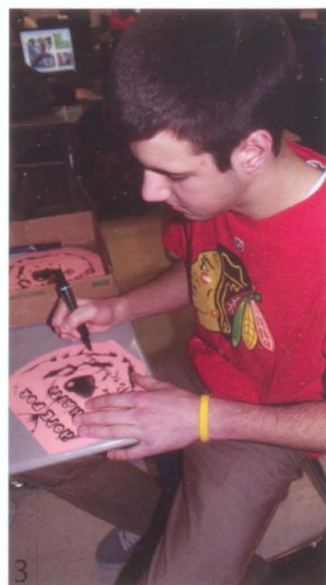
Jenna Rhoady (11) hangs up a Hope for Haiti "helping hands" during SRT. At the time, Interact had collected around seven hundred dollars in donations for the Haiti relief fund. Photo by Scout Demir



1 Adam Meeker (11) adds additional "helping hands" on the wall outside of Mr. Tom Clark's, Social Studies, classroom. The wall was filled with these brightly colored donations. Photo by Scout Demir

2 Interact designed Hope for Haiti posters that are hung up all over the wall outside Mr. Tom Clark's, Social Studies, classroom. Photo by Anna Weber

3 Tommy Paschen (12) writes his name on the Hope for Haiti paper that he purchased to help raise money for the Haiti victims. The money made from these papers will be sent to an aid relief organization for Haiti. Photo by Scout Demir





A CLEAN BEGINNING

This year, LC introduced a new club; the Environmental Club. Concerns of the harming of the environment has been a continuous issue in the world. Student, Jake Kozel (10), took note of this world wide epidemic and decided to do something about it. "I felt the topic needed more attention. We need to do more to raise awareness about our environment," Kozel said. Mrs. Anne Ruiz, in the science department, agreed to be the sponsor for this new club. "Not only do I stress that all my students incorporate reduce, reuse, and recycle into their daily lives, but every student in the school does too. LC is beginning to go green, but we need it to get it all in motion," Mrs. Ruiz said.

The Environmental Club sponsored the multiple black bottles that are scattered throughout the school as one of their first projects. These bottles were supposed to inspire students to recycle their empty bottles instead of throwing them carelessly into the trash cans. "Every little thing helps. You may not think it does, but it really makes a difference," Kozel said. The Environmental Club plans on making their stamp on LC mostly in the spring time.



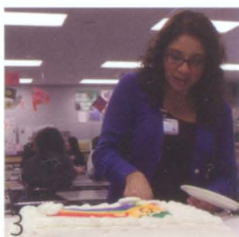
4 Corinne Wilschke (10)



5 Jake Kozel (10)



6 John Hemmerling (10)



1 Jake Kozel (10) relaxes during the beginning of an Environmental Club meeting. Recycling is one of the main ideas the club is pushing. Photo by: Lucas Rey

2 A group of the club members talk before the actual meeting begins. They were discussing ways to make the school an environmentally friendly place. Photo by: Lucas Rey

3 Mrs. Anne Ruiz, Science, cuts a cake for her and the students in environmental club. Mrs. Ruiz won the Bella Webb Award for Environmental Education and celebrated with the club. Photo by: Chelsea Keith

4 "We [the environmental club] like to make awareness and to help the environment by doing little things," Corinne Wilschke (10) said.

5 "Every little thing helps even though you may not think it does but the environment is usually benefited," Jake Kozel (10) said.

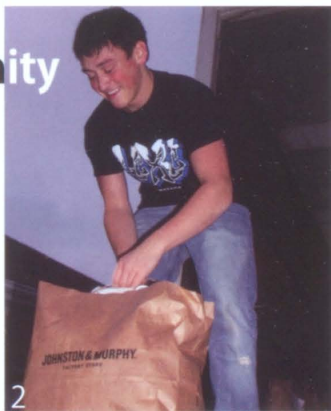
6 "We want to try to try to get our own month to sponsor our own green and earth friendly projects," John Hemmerling (10) said.

FEEDING THE Community

Every year around Thanksgiving, students gather as much food possible to give back to the community and help those who are not fortunate enough to supply their family with a holiday meal. The annual food drive was organized by Interact. The club collected and donated 66,152 cans for the community.

Students, like Alex Gianopolus (12), drove around his neighborhood leaving paper bags on people's doorsteps with information about the food drive. The following week, the bags were put back on doorsteps, but this time they were filled with food and canned goods.

"At the end of the day, we all went home with the great feeling of knowing we helped an unfortunate family," Gianopolus said. Students helped make Thanksgiving possible for many



1 Kylee Cloutier (9) and Omar Kahlil (9) help out with LC's annual food drive. They brought food from their SRT's to the pool foyer. Photo by: Kim Feder

2 Alex Gianopolus (12) loads a truck of food to bring to school for the Interact Food Drive. Gianopolus helped collect around 5,000 cans in two weeks. Photo by: Megan Lynch

3 Many bags of food fill the C-Hall foyer. These bags were organized by the members of Interact and given to families in need. Photo by: Kim Feder



ALWAYS GIVING

Few teenagers realize the true potential they have when it comes to making an impact in their community. Sophomore, Olivia Birlson (10), is one of the exceptions.

Birlson has been involved in her community since she was little, beginning with her church's annual festival in the summer. Once a month, Birlson makes a point to volunteer at the Nazareth Home, a home for abandoned children in East Chicago, Indiana and visits St. Margaret Mercy Hospital once a week to lend a helping hand.

The sophomore plans on continuing her role in community service through college. "It has made me a more compassionate and understanding person," Birlson said. Birlson hopes her actions will help to inspire other students that can make a difference.

"I volunteer because I know how much it means to people," Olivia Birlson (10) said.





Their 15 Minutes of Fame

Do these names sound familiar to you: Andy Warhol?, John Lennon?, Elvis Presley? How about these titles: *Chelsea Girls?*, *Give Peace A Chance?*, *Jailhouse Rock?*

If so, the fine arts branch of the Academic Superbowl club where members commit to memory major cultural works of art and test over their knowledge might interest you.

"In the fine arts team, we study music and the artwork from a certain time period or culture. This year the topic is the 60s," Alexandra Dumezich (10) said. "[For competitions] we go to another school and sit at a table together as a team. When it's our turn, we get a question and have time to quietly pass notes and converse amongst ourselves to come up with an answer. When the time is called the captain writes it down on a sheet of paper for the proctor to check."



4 Pukhrajjeet Chhokar (9)



5 Courtney Jones (12)



6 Kayla Greenwell (12)



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1 Brian Kuechle(12) and Megan Kuechle(10) quiz each other over different branches of science in preparation for the Academic Superbowl meet. The siblings spent every Wednesday preparing. Photo by Megan Anderson

2 Alexandra Dumezich (10) talks to her Academic Superbowl sponsor. There are six total sponsors of Academic Superbowl, all specializing in different subjects.

3 Alexandra Dumezich(10) researches different pop artists from the 60's. Dumezich was the returning captain of the Academic Superbowl Fine Arts team. Photo by Megan Anderson

4 [The test] was on statistics, and I took statistics last year. We have one practice competition, and one main competition every year" Pukhrajjeet Chhokar (12) said.

5 "I enjoyed reading the amazing American classic, Slaughter House 5 and also Dr. Martin Luther King's letters as well as John F. Kennedy's speech after Dr. King's assassination," Courtney Jones (12) said.

6 "The 60's was an interesting time and so was its literature. I really enjoyed reading all about it," Kayla Greenwell said(12).

Nick to D1

Nicholas Griffiths takes an interest in **CHESS CLUB**



"I have been in high school chess club since freshman year. There is nothing more enjoyable than walking in on Wednesday afternoon and seeing all the familiar faces and playing a game which I enjoy greatly and that I am good at,"

Nicholas Griffiths (12) said.

SPELLING OUT S-U-C-C-E-S-S

Have you ever found yourself doodling words on your paper to pass the time? Spell Bowl might be your calling.

"Spell Bowl is pretty much a written spelling bee," Molly Rupp (12) said.

Meeting once a week also lets the involved students stay in touch.

"My favorite aspect of the club is how supportive everyone is of each other. I love how much fun we have together," Amy Rupp (10) said.

Even though the members have fun together, there is still a serious aspect.

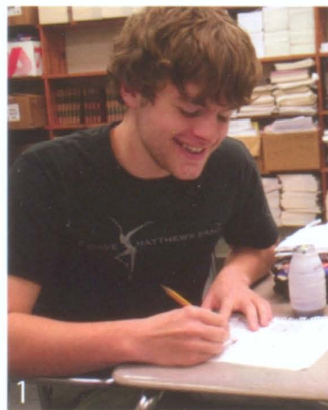
"It's intense. It's like a spelling test but everyone knows when you miss a word. They either cheer or boo you," Amy said.



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1 Evan Demaree(11) practices his spelling skills at an after school Spell Bowl meeting. Demaree met with the team every Wednesday after school. Photo by Cesar Pulido

2 Samantha Feldman (11) takes a practice spelling test. The team prepares for six weeks for a competition.

3 Molly Rupp(12) and Amy Rupp(10) practice their spelling skills at an after school practice. The sisters enjoyed passing notes to each other during their practices. Photo by Cesar Pulido

STUDY TO win

COMPETE: Spell Bowl | Chess | Academic Decathlon | Academic Superbowl



Teammate Keertan Kini (10) listens for the test questions during the oral superquiz. The test was given on a teleprompter. Photo by Jennifer Gamboa

Fighting the French Revolution

With numerous clubs and activities, it can be easy for smaller clubs to get lost in the shuffle.

"We study for eight subjects: Math, Science, Language/Literature, Economics, Art, Music, Essay and the Super Quiz [the history portion]. We also have to prepare for a personal interview, prepared speech and impromptu speech. All the subjects have to do with the theme. This year, it was the French Revolution. The practices are basically another period added on to the day. We go to the 'coach' who teaches us about their individual subject. For the competitions, we take tests for about eight hours. The essay we have to write is 50 minutes. The other tests are 30 minutes with 40 to 50 questions each. Then, we go to the oral Super Quiz. It's the same thing as the written Super Quiz but they read the questions aloud," Victor Marmolejo (10) said.

Not only does the club help students advance in their level of academic study, it also is a great opportunity to meet other students.

"My favorite part is meeting new people. I didn't know any of the members very well, but now we're

pretty good friends," Marmolejo said.

Academic Decathlon is the club for you if you enjoy the rush of completely finishing a lengthy test.

This year, the French Revolution was the theme and topic to know.

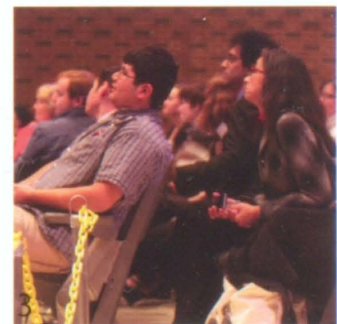
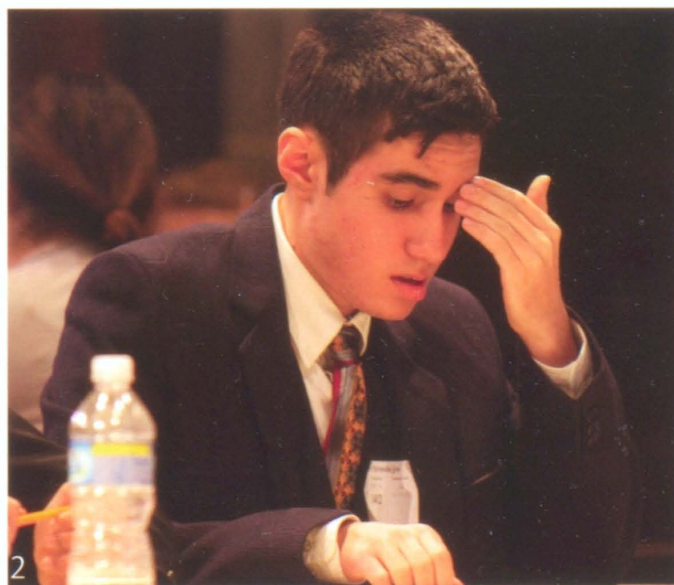
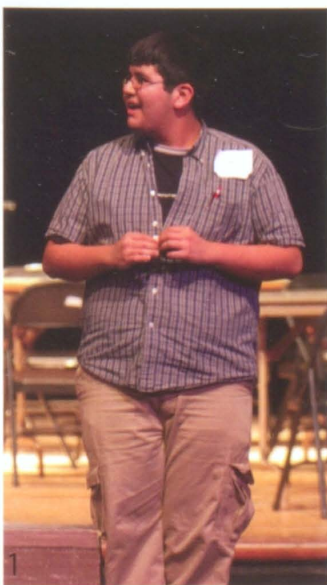
"We submersed ourselves in every aspect of the French Revolution, from economics to speech. When the meet came, we tested over 10 different subjects of the Revolution," Cesar Pulido (11) said.

"My favorite memory from this season would definitely be when I got a silver medal in the math portion of the Decathlon because there was some hardcore calculus on it. I didn't think guessing so well would have gotten me a silver, it was a huge shock," Pulido said.

With Academic Decathlon having less than one percent of the entire school's population, students are highly encouraged to join. Overall, all four members of the team had a very successful and rewarding season with a combination of medals and rewards and achievements.

Let them eat gold.

& Stephanie Slevnik
Megan Anderson



1 Cesar Pulido (11) is rewarded one of his five medals for his accomplishments at the Academic Decathlon competition. Pulido received medals in literature, math, art, music and social studies. Photo by Jennifer Gamboa

2 Victor Marmolejo (10) is intensely concentrating at the January 23rd Academic Decathlon competition. That was the teams only meet all year. Photo by Jennifer Gamboa

3 Cesar Pulido (11) and Mrs. Melodi Belei, Librarian, await scores after the long day of Academic Decathlon testing. Lake Central won 14 awards. Photo by Jennifer Gamboa

7 Academic Decathlon sponsors

1 Spell Bowl competition

JUST THE NUMBERS

4 Academic Decathlon members

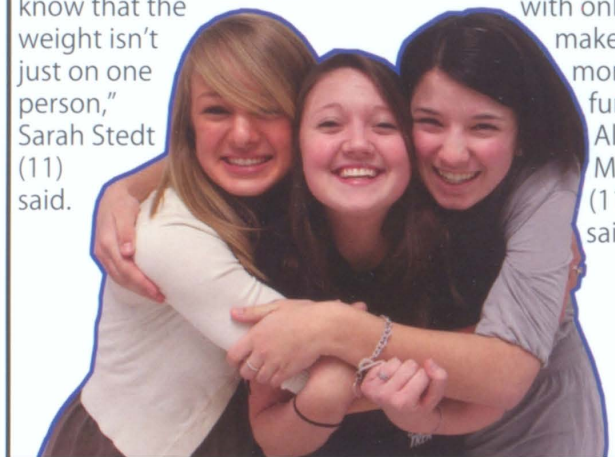
8 Hours of testing for Academic Decathlon

Leading Word of Life as a team

"The best part is that the three of us are really close, so it's easier to plan and share ideas with each other. It's also great to know that the weight isn't just on one person," Sarah Stedt (11) said.

"It's not easy to get up there and speak to everyone every week. I suppose the best part would be that they are up there standing next to me while I do that," Brittany Jones (11), said.

"I love leading Word of Life because I feel like I am fulfilling a plan that God has for my life. Having friends to lead with only makes it more fun," Allison Mender (11) said.



"Guest Speaker Today!"

Students of every grade level meet for Word of Life on Wednesdays after school to hear a lesson provided by the three student leaders.

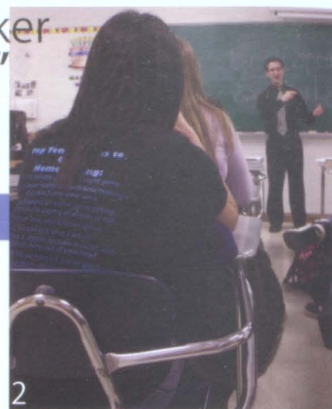
On February 3, the club had a guest speaker for the first time. Cody Harned (9) had suggested letting his pastor come talk to the students.

"[The day he came] I was really excited, and I know he was, too. He's wanted to come [talk to us] for a while now," Harned said.

Pastor David Lee Atkinson from the Dyer Baptist Church came to give a mini-lesson to the students.

"[I learned that] we need to ask God for strength in the Christian life so we can do great things," Harned said.

After the students heard the lesson by Atkinson, they were encouraged to attend future meetings.



1 Tiffany Harned (10) and Sarah Kulik (10) play with a Rubik's Cube during a Word of Life meeting. During the meetings, the students get a chance to socialize with their peers. Photo by: Allie Mender

2 Students pay attention as Pastor David Lee Atkinson provides a lesson for their club meeting. He spoke to them about obtaining the Christian strength throughout life. Photo by: Arielle Morris

3 Brittany Jones (11) prays during a Word of Life meeting. The club members prayed as a group at the end of every meeting. Photo by: Allie Mender



Staying Connected

When they started at a new school, Anna Oppermann (9), Shannon Putnam (9), and Marlo Owczarzak (9) decided to join Freshman Class Cabinet together.

"We all met at Clark Middle School last year," Oppermann said.

In order to make sure they stayed close, the girls decided to join a club.

"We all wanted to join class cabinet together," Owczarzak said.

Along with being in a club together, they had separate reasons for joining.

"I wanted to join so I could meet new people and make new friends," Oppermann said.

"I wanted to get out of SRT," Putnam said.

Being in Freshman Class Cabinet gave the girls a chance to get involved.

The girls were able to participate in making banners for Homecoming and participating in the orientation for incoming freshmen.

They look forward to being in Class Cabinet all through high school.



4 Shannon Putnam (9)



5 Anna Oppermann (9)



6 Marlo Owczarzak (9)



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1 Marlo Owczarzak (9), Shannon Putnam (9) and Anna Oppermann (9) wait to get their pictures taken for the yearbook club photos. The girls joined Class Cabinet to be together in a club. Photo by: Megan Lynch

2 Kearney Fagan (9), Taylor Flahive (9), Anna Swan (9) and Allison Wagner (9) talk about Class Cabinet. The girls were waiting to get their group picture taken. Photo by: Megan Lynch

3 Christopher Albright (9), president of Freshman Class Cabinet, talks to Anna Oppermann (9). "I get to make decisions being an officer, and it's fun to be able to feel like I'm in charge," Albright said. Photo by: Megan Lynch

4 "This one time, the Freshman Class Cabinet was going to hang banners for Homecoming, and we wrapped our friend in a banner and snuck her out of her SRT," Shannon Putnam (9) said.

5 "We hang out after school together to get out of the house and away from our parents," Oppermann (9) said.

6 "Just as a reference, Tide-To-Go does not get the Homecoming banner paint out of clothes. We splattered blue paint on each other. Yeah, not the best idea," Marlo Owczarzak (9) said.

CLASS CABINET doing work

SOCIALIZE: Word of Life | Freshman and Sophomore Class Cabinets

Twenty Sophomores Get Together to Create Posters for the Homecoming Game

A few weeks before the Homecoming game, about 20 students from Sophomore Class Cabinet got together to create two large posters to hang in the cafeteria.

"The entire cabinet pitched in their ideas [for the posters]," Matthew Shute (10) said. "It was a combined effort."

Being involved in class cabinet and making the Homecoming posters also gave sophomores a chance to be around their peers.

"My favorite part of class cabinet and the Homecoming posters was meet-

ing the people involved in it," Allison Bomba (10) said.

Members are just beginning to get to know each other, since the club continues through until senior year.

"I like going to the meetings because my friends are in [class cabinet] with me," April VanMilligan (10) said. "I like being able to plan and make our senior year the best it can be together."

In the case of the Homecoming posters, many sophomores got together to help.

"All members of the cabinet were working on the posters," Shute said.

"About 20 to 25 [students]."

Because the students had huge posters to make, they found a way for everyone to work together.

"We had two groups who each worked on a different poster," Daniels said. "It took about two hours to make both posters."

Even though the students met new peers in class cabinet, VanMilligan already knew most of the members.

"I mainly met all the people that are in class cabinet at Kahler or last year in Freshman Class Cabinet," VanMilligan said.

The students had different reasons for joining class cabinet.

"I like being a part of something that helps my class," Bomba said. "It's also fun."

For Shute, his reason for joining was to get involved.

"It is a great honor to be involved in the governing body of the Class of 2012," Shute said.

Creating the Homecoming posters was Sophomore Class Cabinet's largest project. Next year, as juniors, their main project will be to plan Prom.

& Arielle Morris
Megan Lynch



Allison Bomba (10) paints a Homecoming poster for Sophomore Class Cabinet. The group members made two banners that they hung up in the school. Photo by Anna Weber



1 Jacquelyn Brazzale (10), Christina Miljevic (10) and April VanMilligan (10) work on a Homecoming poster. They made the poster to advertise the Homecoming game. Photo by Anna Weber

2 Karie Bogs (10) paints letters on a poster. She worked on Homecoming posters for two hours with about 20 other Sophomore Class Cabinet members. Photo by Anna Weber

3 Courtney Barnes (10), April VanMilligan (10) and Christina Miljevic (10) come up with a design for one of the two Homecoming posters. They ended up painting an Indian and a wolf on the poster. Photo by Anna Weber

4 Courtney Barnes (10) sketches a picture of a wolf that she plans to put on the poster. The poster ended up including an illustration of an Indian and a wolf. Photo by Anna Weber

2 Sophomore Class Cabinet sponsors | 2 Homecoming poster groups

JUST THE NUMBERS

18 Word of Life members

4 Class cabinets

3 Word of Life group leaders

LET'S GET organized

ORGANIZE: Junior Class Cabinet | Student Council | N-Teens

Getting into the clubs that plan to plan

In a school this big, there are a lot of extracurricular clubs that students can take part in. One can imagine that a lot of planning and organization goes into these clubs. Clubs like Student Council, Class Cabinet, and N-Teens are among the clubs that require a lot of organization. Without these clubs, social events such as Winter Formal, Prom, Homecoming, and the talent show would not be made possible.

"In N-Teens we do all kinds of social and charity events. Every week there is a meeting and we talk about upcoming projects we are going to do," Cora Richins

(10) said.

Along with planning out ways to help out the community, N-Teens takes on the task of organizing Winter Formal by pitching ideas and voting whether or not to pass them.

"I worked with the formal directors and designed the invitations. Also, I designed all the flowers for the dance," Maranda Fishback (11) said.

Along with N-Teens, Student Council also plans out activities that the school takes part in throughout the year.

"Student Council has organized Homecoming festivities, the toy drive, and

the Talent Show. So far, I have helped organize the Homecoming festivities," Arthi Vezhavendan (11) said.

Of course, these activities take time to organize and execute, both of which are done at meetings.

"The meetings are very organized and the officers go over what we have done, what we are working on and what we plan to do. Usually the officers tell members what needs to be done and how many people we need for each task. Then people volunteer for the tasks and work together to get the job done," Vezhavendan said.

Junior Class Cabinet also plans out their share for the school by organizing the special night that is Prom.

"Our main focus is organizing Prom at this point. We reached the consensus on our theme, color coordination, etc. relatively fast. Everyone's working diligently," Michael Majchrowicz (11) said.

No matter what it is, there is always something that needs planning at LC.

8 Cesar Pulido
Alli Dockweiler



N-Teens members Sarah Wahlen (11), Ashley Cedano (11) and Faith Donovan (11) plan out how to design one of two Homecoming banners the club made as Nick Griffiths (11) supervised from afar. "I made sure things were being done," Griffiths said. Photo by Cesar Pulido

1 Student Council members vote on themes for Spirit Week leading up to Homecoming. Spirit Week included band T-shirt day, 80's day, formal day, and college sports day. Photo by Megan Lynch

2 N-Teens members Carolyn Siedelmann (10) and Hillary Harmon (10) write thank-you notes for the Winter Formal volunteers. "I thanked them for helping out and told them it was greatly appreciated," Siedelmann said. Photo by Alli Dockweiler

3 N-Teens members vote to volunteer during a winter meeting. The fundraiser went towards making Easter baskets for children in the spring. Photo by Cesar Pulido

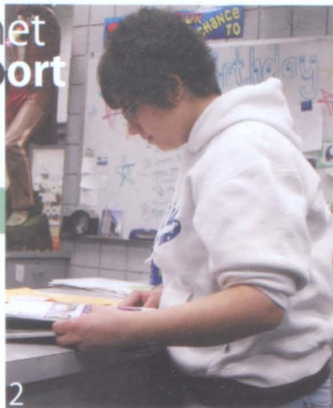


Junior Class Cabinet Giving Support

From picking a theme to deciding what kind of potatoes to eat at dinner, organizing Prom is no easy task. Thanks to Junior Class Cabinet and sponsors Mrs. Sarah Verpooten, English, and Mrs. Carrie Wadycki, English, Lake Central is able to have a Prom to look forward to. By taking every week one step at a time, the cabinet can take on what might seem as an overwhelming task, due to lacking a proper cabinet size, but they work with what they have.

"Even though there aren't a lot of us, we are trying our hardest to support the junior class. Despite the few of us that there are, the students in Junior Class Cabinet have the determination and the willingness to work hard and do their part," Zoe Zontos (11) said.

Although the club has few members, they accomplish their tasks on time, and anticipate an astonishing Prom.



1 Zoe Zontos (11) looks over a shirt design in support of John Decker (11) during a class cabinet meeting. They organized and planned what days to sell the shirts during SRT. Photo by: Megan Trincot

2 Hannah Nava (11) goes through a magazine to decide on favors for Prom. Prom was a masquerade so Nava had to find favors that would suit Prom. Photo by: Cesar Pulido

3 Brittany Jones (11), Hannah Nava (11), Colleen McMurry (11), and Allison Mender (11) discuss Prom crowns and tiaras during a meeting after school. The cabinet met after school every Tuesday until Prom. Photo by: Cesar Pulido



Organizing Winter Formal

With: **Brooke Carnahan**

Do you know what it takes?



1. Create a theme.
2. Translate that theme into decorations, invitations, etc.
3. Pick a photographer.
4. Make the invitations with the print shop.
5. Order everything needed to make the dance aesthetically pleasing.
6. Stay in touch with the time line and watch deadlines.

Knowing the Numbers

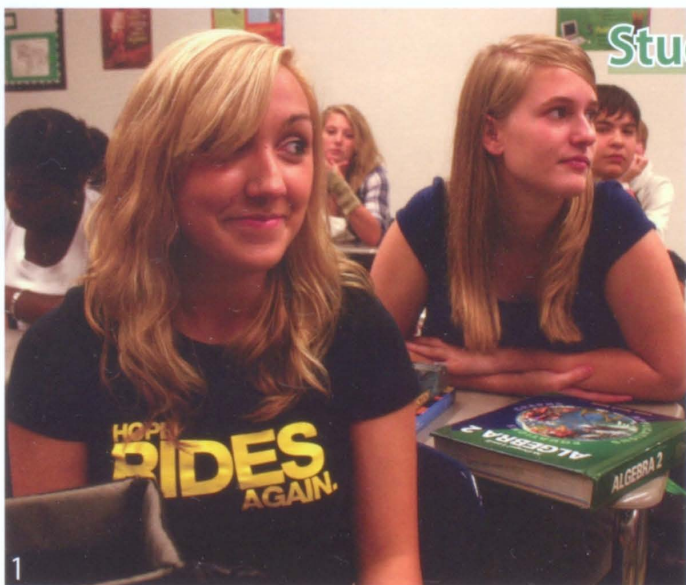
15 weeks planning the dance
40 centerpieces
900 students attending

Student Council

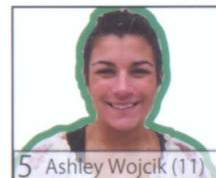
Student Council is one of the major clubs at Lake Central. It is run completely by the students, and supervised by Mrs. Kim Beach. It consists of 65 devoted students.

"The students have accomplished a lot this year, currently they are organizing the talent show," said Mrs. Kim Beach.

The club meets every other Monday, and is mainly run by the officers; although they have certain committee heads in charge for certain projects. The group is very devoted to their club and enjoys taking part in school functions. Three of the officers Diana Dieguez (11), Ashley Wojcik (11) and Kali Stageman (11), play a big role in keeping the club organized and efficient. Student Council's most notable roles in the school include planning homecoming festivities, the winter toy drive, and the spring talent show.



4 Diana Dieguez (11)



5 Ashley Wojcik (11)



6 Kali Stageman (11)



1 Eryn Schweiger (11) and Abigail Melvin (11) listen in during a Student Council meeting. The meeting that day discussed ideas for the year. Photo by: Megan Lynch

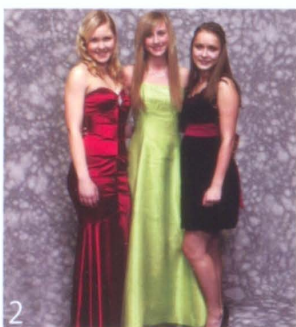
2 Student Council officers Melinda Lopez (12) and Kali Stageman (11) lead and take charge during a meeting. The club usually met every other Monday. Photo by: Megan Lynch

3 Melinda Lopez (12) takes down ideas for Spirit Week during a meeting. The club decided on days to show spirit by voting as a whole. Photo by: Megan Lynch

4 In order to keep it fair we have the members vote on who they feel would do the best job as an officer, or committee head," Diana Dieguez (11) said.

5 As Vice President, I help to make sure that the members are staying as involved as possible, and I help Diana [Student Council President] as much as I can," Ashley Wojcik (11) said.

6 I like helping people out and being organized and coming up with new fundraisers that the school can do," Kali Stageman (11) said.



Home away from home

While most people only imagine traveling half way across the world to take a vacation, three students, two from Germany and one from Finland, have come to the United States to spend one year in an American high school. It was no simple task getting here, but after the long drawn out process, they successfully made it to America and landed right here at LC.

"I'm with a program called ASSE, which stands for American Scandinavian Student Exchange. I heard about this organization from a couple of people at my school, and it sounded good so I contacted them online on their website," Katarina Kuoppala (12) said.

After contacting the program, Kuoppala went through a long process of getting everything together in order to come to America, but it has benefited her in many ways.

"I've made a lot of new friends, and have also learned a lot about myself. It's taught me to be more responsible and grow up faster," Kuoppala said.



4 Kim Feder (11)



5 Charlotte Thesing (11)



6 Katarina Kuoppala (12)

1 Kim Feder (11) talks to members of the Schererville Rotary Club during their luncheon. Kim Feder was able to come to Lake Central through Rotary Club. Photo by: Katie Westlund

2 Katarina Kuoppala (12), Charlotte Thesing (11) and Kim Feder (11) pose for a picture at this year's winter formal. This was their first American high school formal experience. Photo provided by: Katarina Kuoppala

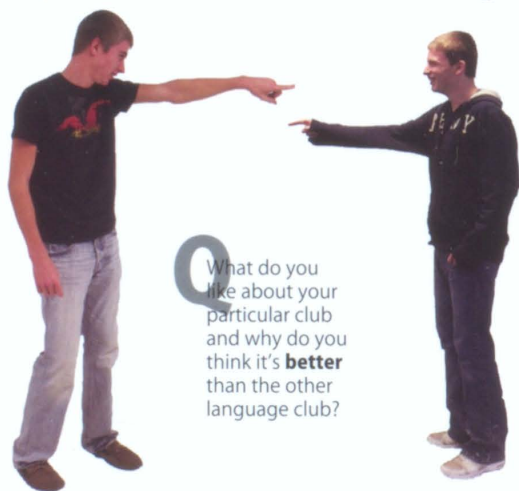
3 Katarina Kuoppala (12) chooses a pumpkin while at the pumpkin patch during the fall season. This was her first time celebrating both Halloween and Thanksgiving in America. Photo provided by: Katarina Kuoppala

4 I wanted to try something new in my life; when you live 16 years in the same country everything is so normal," Kim Feder (11) said.

5 "I wanted to go to the United States because I thought it would be an awesome experience and my favorite language is English," Charlotte Thesing (11) said.

6 I wanted to try something totally different and get the opportunity to have a lot of new experiences," Katarina Kuoppala (12) said.

Español vs. Français



Q What do you like about your particular club and why do you think it's **better** than the other language club?

A Noah Malm (10): "I think more people know about Spanish culture than French so its more **familiar** to everyone."

A Stephen Macnak (9): "It is cool eating all of the different French **foods**. French rules and Spanish drools!"

STUDENTS SPEAKING Spanish

Spanish is the most commonly taken language at Lake Central. Some students not only want to learn about the language, but also the cultures that are behind it. Spanish Club was a perfect opportunity to do just that.

"I like Spanish Club because it's easygoing and fun, and I can learn about other countries," Ashley Wojcik (11) said.

The club met once a month, each meeting focusing on a specific Spanish-speaking country. During each meeting, there was a small project, a movie, and plenty of food.

"Every party there's a new chance to try new Spanish foods. Jarrito drinks are my personal favorite," Maxwell Mills (10) said.

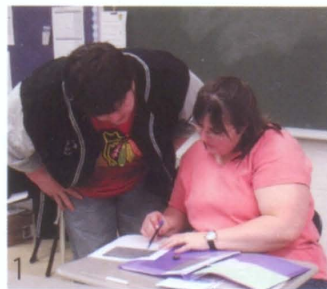
Spanish club always has friends, food, and fun, and keeps students coming back year after year.



1 Ryan Hilt (10) and Mrs. Polly Franklin, Spanish, talk during a club meeting. They were discussing a possible recipe to make for the next meeting. Photo by: Megan Lynch

2 Sarah Anderson (10) and Megan Bereda (10) grab food to eat during a Spanish club meeting on Monday February 16. The club members also made colorful masks. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

3 Araceli Barrientez (11) and Maxwell Mills (10) munch on some food while also creating their masks. The club was creating the masks in celebration of the Carnival. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds



GOING global

CULTURE: French Club | Spanish Club | Exchange Programs



French club members Grace Calderone (11) and Brooke Carnahan (12) teach members of a Junior Girl Scout troop. They were practicing the song "Frere Jacques." Photo by Alaina Reynolds

On my honor I will teach...

What do Frere Jacques, croissants, badges, and cookies have in common? Usually, there isn't much. Monday, January 5, all of these things came together when the French club took on the task of teaching Junior Girl Scout Troop 214 to speak French. Mrs. Jackie Holden, English, is one of the troop leaders, and with the help of Mrs. Tilka and the French Club, they were able to help the fourth-grade Scouts experience a new culture.

"This was the first year that we have had the opportunity to do something like this," Danielle Wiggins (10) said.

The French club was up for a big task when the Girl Scouts came in to work with them. There was a responsibility on the students' shoulders to make sure the girls learned as much as they could about the French culture along with some of the language.

"Tilka planned the event and asked for some volunteers from the club. The Girl Scouts were involved in a culture festival, and the country they were representing was France. They have to do some type of presentation as well as sell food," Kayla Greenwell (12) said.

Seven of the French club members volunteered to share this experience with the fourth-graders and gave them a little taste of what learning French could be like as well as coming up with something for them to present for the festival.

"We taught the girls how to sing 'Frere Jacques', how to say colors and how to say some dialogue in French," Cassara Collier (11) said.

Although this was a lot of information to teach to the Girl Scouts, the members of the French Club had confidence in the girls and to learn everything they were taught.

"It was fun teaching the girls. They were nervous at first, but then they opened up more as time went on. They were really smart and caught on to what we were teaching them very quickly," Greenwell said.

The members of the French Club all benefited from this experience in some way.

"It felt good to help the girls. I want to work with children when I get older, and this gave me a great opportunity to gain experience and teach the language I love. I hope we can do something like this again in the future," Collier said.

8 Lauren Resendiz
Katie Westlund



1 Kayla Greenwell (12) teaches members of Girl Scout Troop 214 how to have a small French conversation. Each French Club member helped a small group of the scouts. Photo by Lauren Resendiz

2 Cassara Collier (11) helps one of the Girl Scouts color a picture. The colors on the crayons were written in French and English. Photo by Lauren Resendiz



INNOVATIONS & creations

CREATE: Rune | Freshmen Art Club | High School Art Club | Photo Club

Freshmen get creative

Every year, toward the end of September, students hear call outs for 35 school clubs on the announcements. Some of these clubs exist to win. Others, like the Freshmen Art Club, exist to have fun. This club brings students together to help them express themselves creatively.

"[I joined the Freshmen Art Club because] I love anything creative, and Art Club was just another chance for me to do what I love," Marlo Owczarzak (9) said.

Freshmen Art Club is something the students find easy to love. They laugh, listen to music, and have fun creating something never seen before in the world of art. Students in the club meet twice every month, and they meet on holidays, too.

"We painted ornaments on Christmas, and we painted pumpkins for Halloween," Alexander Nottingham (9) said.

The pumpkins were a highlight of the club for everyone except for Kyle Prisby (9). Disaster struck on that fateful October day.

"We were all messing around and someone

bumped into Kyle, knocking the pumpkin to the floor," Nottingham said.

"I worked for such a long time and it all went down the drain," Prisby said.

Emotions ran wild. However, art students often use emotions to make better art. In some opinions, it's needed all of the time.

"Emotion is definitely put into all of my artwork. The emotions put in are just how you feel at the time," Owczarzak said.

"I usually like my art to be happy," Ashley Kloppenburg (9) said.

For other art students, emotion is not a big issue. They like to take their own approach to what they draw.

"I don't really put emotion into my art, but I try to make it as animated as possible," Prisby said.

Because the Freshmen Art Club is so fun for the students, continuing on to the High School Art Club seems like an obvious and good idea to them.

"[I'll probably join] because Freshmen Art club is really fun," Kloppenburg said.

8 Lucas Rey
Justin Seiber



Marlo Owczarzak (9) and Alex Logan (9) paint at the Freshmen Art Club December meeting. Students also ate sugar cookies and candy canes. Photo by: Justin Seiber



1 Ashley Kloppenburg (9) paints an ornament in Freshmen Art Club. The students in the club met before Christmas Break to celebrate Christmas by painting. Photo by: Rachel Giese

2 Kalie Vanderbilt (10) and Bianca Bova (12) review photographs for Rune in January. The staff went through many pictures, but they were only allowed to choose a few. Photo by: Justin Seiber

3 Alexander Nottingham (9) paints a gingerbread man ornament in Freshmen Art Club. Students had a variety of ornament choices when painting. Photo by: Rachel Giese



RUNE REQUIREMENTS

Britney Massie (12)

Q. What kind of art can get into Rune?

A. There is no limit to the kind of art. In the past we've had paintings, poems, song lyrics, short stories, pottery, and oragami. We accept any type of art, as long as it's unique and creative.

Q. What is the process for choosing a picture sent to Rune?

A. "First we check if it's printable, good quality, and clear. Then, we vote on the pictures submitted."

Q. Does a person need to be really great at art to get a picture into Rune?

A. "No, many of the pictures are from Art students here at LC, but there are many more who are not that participate in the poems and photography."



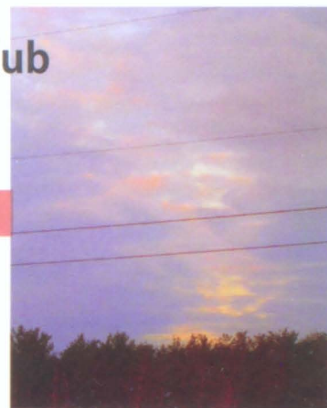
Carol Scott OF Photo Club

Capturing the moment with the flash of a camera is something the students of Photo Club can't seem to get enough of. Carol Scott (11) is one of these students.

"I jumped into photography because a couple of my friends were taking photography classes and I saw how much fun that they were having. I wanted to see what was so much fun about photography," Scott said.

Apparently, it was fun enough to join the club. But for Scott, it wasn't enough to just participate in a school club for photography. She wanted to do more.

"I take pictures whenever I have time and I have my camera with me. My best photo came from when I took a trip down to Wabash, the day and the lighting were perfect. I couldn't have asked for a better day to take pictures," Scott said.



High School Art Club

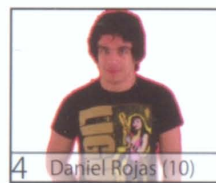
To the students of the High School Art Club, art is something more than doodling. To them, art is a hobby that is a little more important than a pencil and paper.

"I've been doing art since I was a child," Soomin Kim-Chiang (10) said.

In March, the High School Art Club students traveled to the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art at 220 East Chicago Avenue. At the museum, they had the opportunity to check out everything from Alexander Calder's mobiles to *Troy Diptych* by Andy Warhol. Of course, field trips are not a part of the average High School Art Club meeting.

"The average Art Club meeting is one where we just make stuff and have fun," Jeehyun Kim-Chiang (11) said.

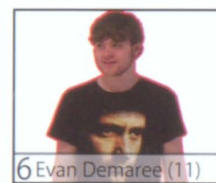
However, because of the Art Club meetings at the end of V--hall, students in the club have a chance to be the next great artist.



4 Daniel Rojas (10)



5 Caitlin Fritz (11)



6 Evan Demaree (11)

1 The High School Art Club students look at the sign-up sheets for T-shirt orders. They planned to buy white shirts that they would tie dye during a meeting. Photo by: Emily Hogg

2 Mrs. Bushong talks to the High School Art Club about upcoming events for the club. They were discussing their club T-shirt orders, and their field trip to the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art. Photo by: Justin Seiber

3 Mrs. Bushong explains T-shirt orders to Staci Hearne (10). "I thought the tie dye idea was pretty cool," Hearne said. Photo by: Emily Hogg

4 [My favorite thing from Art Club was] when we painted pumpkins for Halloween. I painted a dragon on mine," Daniel Rojas (10) said.

5 My favorite was when we painted pumpkins. Mine was just my name on it with some different faces on it," Caitlin Fritz (11) said.

6 Art Club is the most amazing club ever. My favorite part was when we painted pumpkins. I painted Bill Cosby on mine," Evan Demaree (11) said.

KEEPING UP tradition

PREPARE: Senior Class Cabinet | National Honor Society | Debate

Senior shirts, Homecoming posters, 90s toys and Senior Banquet, Oh my!

Senior Class Cabinet serves as the driving force behind every graduating class' final, celebratory goodbye. Among its many duties, the cabinet decorates upper E-hall for Homecoming and Senior Banquet.

"For Homecoming we made posters and decorated all of upper E-Hall and put a bunch of decorations to prep for Homecoming week," Treasurer Leilani Castaneda (12) said.

The posters featured slogans such as, "FIGHT INDIANS FIGHT!" and "GO LC!" The Friday of Homecoming, upper E-Hall was decorated in school spirit; blue and

white balloons and streamers lined the walls and ceiling, and football players' orange adorned lockers illustrated student support.

Stuck in between decorating the Homecoming Hallway and Senior Banquet, though, Senior Class Cabinet plans another tradition LC seniors purchase year in and year out.

"The shirts sold to help banquet fundraising this year featured a large Indian head, a bolded Seniors '10 running up the right side of the shirt with a class list and the quotation 'What we hold of yesterday is only a memory but tomorrow is

an accomplishment yet to be made.' on the back," Castaneda said.

Senior Banquet had the theme "Do you remember way back when? We're the class of 2010." The whole nostalgia thing went a list of old toys and Nintendo games. (You know you were born in the 90s when you fixed your Nintendo game by blowing air into it.)

"It's really fun planning Senior Banquet. For the theme we sat down for at least a half hour and reminisced our childhood to think of decorative center pieces," Castaneda said.

So for all of the planning and decorat-

ing, and without Senior Class Cabinet decorating for Homecoming and planning Senior Banquet, much of LC's senior celebration would go uncelebrated and bland. There would be no balloons or streamers, no senior shirts, and no Nintendo games serving as banquet centerpieces.

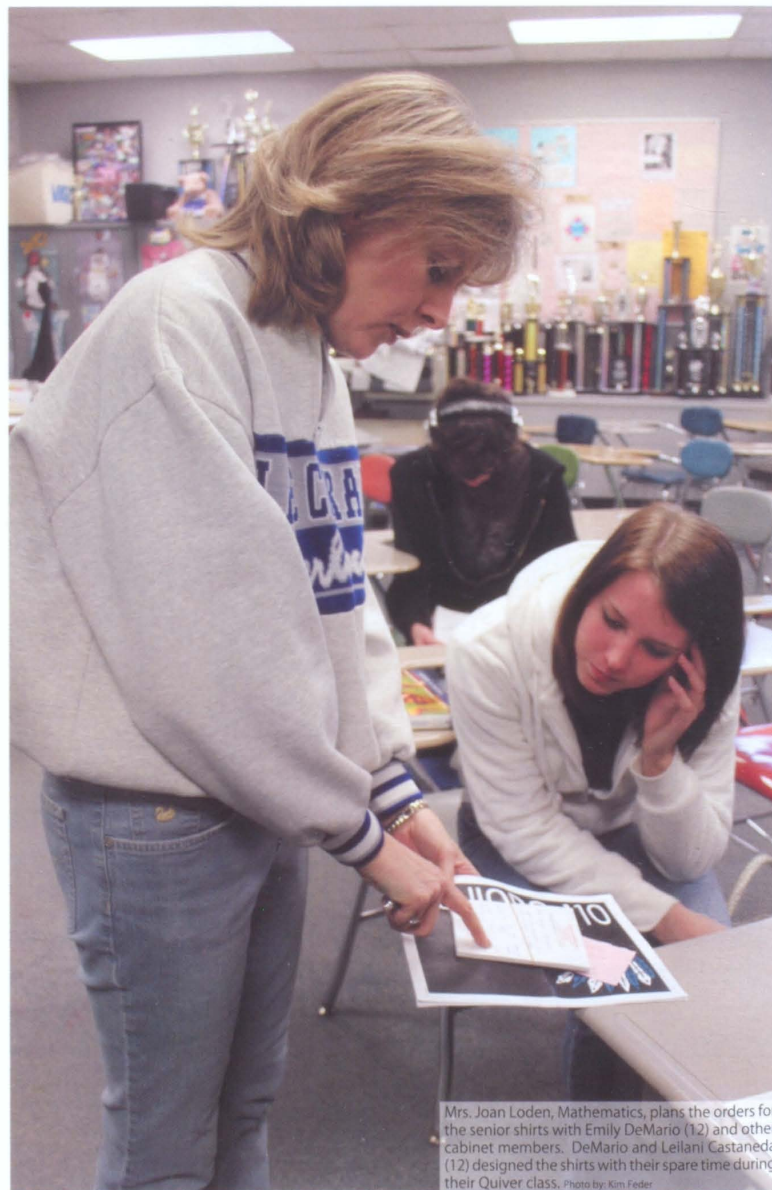
"I'm glad I got to participate in Senior Class Cabinet and help plan the final dance of my high school career. Now I get to venture off into real life: College," Castaneda said.

& Kim Feder
Shannon Farrer



(Top) Emily DeMario (12), Leilani Castaneda (12), Samantha Tarrant (12) and (Right) Melinda Lopez (12) sit in Room E201 and plan the Senior Banquet theme and the next Senior Class Cabinet meeting. Senior Class Cabinet meets three to four times a month to plan events. The four girls also discussed the senior shirt design and orders with their sponsor, Mrs. Joan Loden, Mathematics.

"[Senior Class Cabinet] is a total of around 10 girls. Mrs. Loden brings up a topic and we talk about it. We were getting ready to sell senior class shirts," Lopez said. Photo by: Kim Feder



Mrs. Joan Loden, Mathematics, plans the orders for the senior shirts with Emily DeMario (12) and other cabinet members. DeMario and Leilani Castaneda (12) designed the shirts with their spare time during their Quiver class. Photo by: Kim Feder

National Honor Society



The National Honor Society (NHS) is a club at Lake Central that is open to seniors and second-semester juniors. The goal of NHS is to make students more active in the Tri-Town area, achieving this by making members sign up to help at different events.

"I joined National Honor Society because I wanted to help many different groups and individuals within my community," President Julia Stecyk (12) said.

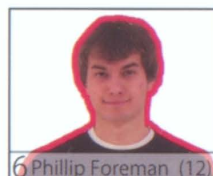
NHS meets on the first Tuesday of every month, and officers often have to write agendas and find community service projects for members to do. For the officers, such as Julia Stecyk (12), Daniel Peterson (12) and Phillip Foreman (12), this could be very time consuming. Joining NHS helps to show colleges that members have good leadership qualities and are capable of teamwork.



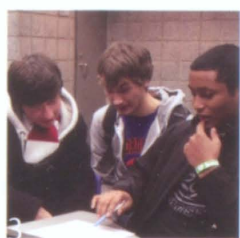
4 Julia Stecyk (12)



5 Daniel Peterson (12)



6 Phillip Foreman (12)



1 National Honor Society students listen as officers instruct them. The officers discussed upcoming events that they could volunteer in. Photo by Shannon Farrer

2 Lauren Resendiz (12), Devin Moore (12) and Marina Rodriguez (12) discuss what they'll be signing up for at the end of the meeting. All three work together. Photo by Kim Feder

3 Carlos Hernandez (12), Phillip Foreman (12) and Jonathan Ganiyu (12) discuss the new project National Honor Society will do. NHS tackles many projects throughout the school year. Photo by Kim Feder

4 I joined NHS because I love helping others. It makes me feel great knowing that NHS is helping groups and individuals in our community who need it most," Julia Stecyk (12) said.

5 I joined NHS because it's fun, looks good on college applications, and I get to boss people around," Daniel Peterson (12) said.

6 Well let me tell you, being an officer for NHS is one of my greatest achievements in life. I get to work hard and also have a lot of fun with my schoolmates. It takes much skill, a good work ethic, and a great sense of humor to do my job," Phillip Foreman (12) said.

Let's talk with the officers.



"I love being Vice President, I get to put my input on major decisions, and help with making the senior class have wonderful memories,"

Lessie Reeves (12)

"I really enjoy being the senior class president because I like making the decisions that benefit the senior class,"

Samantha Tarrant (12)



THE GREAT Debate

One of the smallest and newest clubs at LC is winning against the odds. The debate team just recently came in fourth place in a major competition.

For those of you that don't know the debate team wins awards by arguing better than everyone else. The debate team argues about issues such as merit-based pay, failed nations and current government issues. The team spends days researching the positives and negatives of their given topic.

"It's a lot of hard work, and my brain is fried by the end of competition. But the success of our team makes it all worth it," Meghan Blais said.

Her partner Thomas Lozanoski (10) said, "Debate has been a fantastic way for me to develop my public speaking skills and meet new people."



1 Meghan Blais (11) and Thomas Lozanoski (10) show off their new ribbons. The two are partners when it comes to partner debates. Photo by Emily Hogg

2 Victor Marmolejo (10) shuffles through a briefcase during a debate. "We took a DVD player and candy and put it in an old briefcase so we could watch movies whenever we got bored," Marmolejo said. Photo by Hannah Nava

3 Some of the debate team poses for a picture at their Chesterton competition. The team took fourth place at the competition. Photo by Hannah Nava



FOLLOW THE leader

LEAD: Interact | National Honor Society | Academic Letterwinners

NHS lends a helping hand

Every Wednesday afternoon, a group of National Honor Society (NHS) members go to Protsman to tutor the younger students.

"My former coworkers helped with it last year and always had great stories to tell. I figure it was worth a shot, especially because I could count on regular service hours," Richard Reasons (12) said.

Members did this to complete their community service hours, but realized it was something they really enjoyed.

"It was a lot of fun helping out the students. There were some rough patches, but it feels good to know that I help

further a student's education. My favorite part was when you saw a student understand a math problem or get an 'A' on a history test," Vincent Pucci (12) said.

Not only teaching the elementary students a lesson, the NHS members also took something back with them.

"I think it improved my leadership skills because it taught me how to control a small group. It showed me that I can watch over students and at the same time perform productive activities," Pucci said.

Being involved in NHS in general has helped these seniors participate in

school while also learning important lessons to be even more successful in college and their future.

"NHS really sets your priorities straight and prepares you to balance what truly makes you an NHS member," Steven Stepnoski (12) said,

Becoming better leaders is one thing, but wanting to continue helping out in the community is another.

"I think being involved in NHS is teaching me to be more responsible, and I am also helping out people in the community which is giving me another point of view on life," Pucci said.

NHS is a beneficial club to get involved in, especially when it comes to a college résumé.

"NHS is another activity on my busy schedule that teaches me how to manage my time and stay happy and successful in the process," Reasons said.

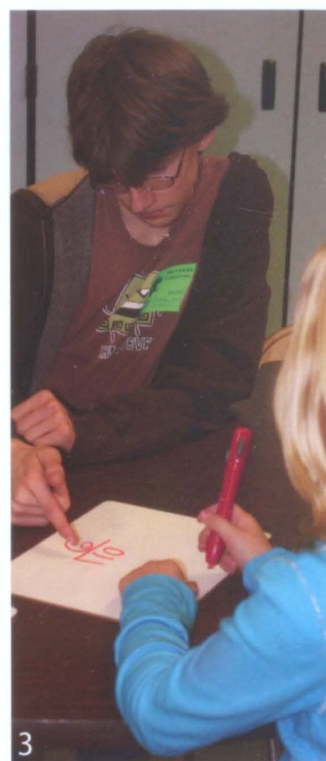
Left with a great learning experience, many of the members can't wait to tutor again.

"I would do it again in a heartbeat," Stepnoski said.

& Cameron Sweeney
Colleen McElmurry



Steven Stepnoski (12) tutors a student for NHS hours. "My favorite part was hearing the 'Oh, I get it!' and hearing about their school day, from what they played at recess to what they talked about at lunch," Stepnoski said. Photo by: JESSICA MOORE



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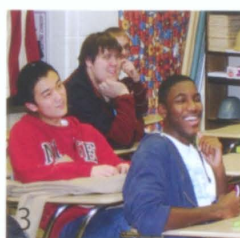
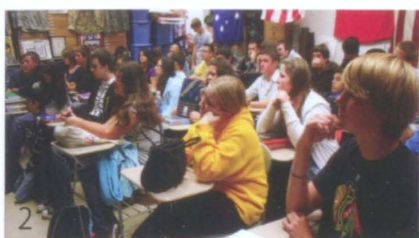
1 Richard Reasons (12) plays hangman with one of the students at Protsman. "It's great when they cooperate. I love listening to their conversations about girls and 'real life stuff,'" Reasons said. Photo by: JESSICA MOORE

2 Vincent Pucci (12) helps out a Protsman student with his math worksheet. Tutors work on whatever subject with which the students need help. Photo by: JESSICA MOORE

3 Thomas Vienna (12) tutors a student at Protsman Elementary School. "I had to figure out her unique way of learning to help teach her," Vienna said. Photo by: JESSICA MOORE



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INTERACTions

Being one of the most popular clubs at Lake Central, Interact attracts a large amount of students every year.

"I wanted to get involved with helping people and my friend recommended Interact," Christina Rybicki (10) said.

Interact holds a number of different fundraisers each year, getting students involved and greatly helping out the community.

"We do many fundraisers. As long as we have something to raise money for, we do it. I love them all and I honestly couldn't pick one to be my favorite," Monica Wartman (11) said.

Not only keeping students involved with the community during their high school career, Interact will continue to benefit many of them for the rest of their lives.

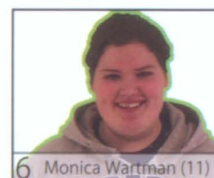
"Interact is preparing me to be caring and compassionate for people and is teaching me that every little thing that we do can make a big difference," Cathy Shaw (10) said.



4 Christina Rybicki (10)



5 Catherine Shaw (10)



6 Monica Wartman (11)

1 Mr. Tom Clark, Social Studies, informs members of Interact about the Hope For Haiti fundraiser. Interact sold Haiti "hearts" for a dollar to raise money for Haiti. Photo by: Megan Trincot

2 Interact members learn about upcoming events for the club. There are rarely enough desks in C103 for students to sit. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

3 Carl Reed II (11), Jacob Lippe (10) and Brian Kuechle (12) having a good time during an Interact meeting. Photo by: Megan Trincot

4 Interact is a great place to meet some really awesome people because you're all working for one goal." Said Christina Rybicki (10)

5 "I like being involved in Interact because it's a fun place where you get to make new friends, and you are ultimately helping the world through the fundraisers that we do." Said Catherine Shaw (10)

6 Interact will help me because it teaches me to not be selfish, and to care about others than myself." Said Monica Wartman (11)

ABOVE Average

Academic Letter Winners has the ability to reward students for keeping their grades up and maintaining a high GPA.

"I was invited to be in it because of my grade point average, and decided to get more involved by applying for officer the last few years," Jessica Clemons (12) said.

Most students just join and receive their patches, but others go beyond and participate as officers.

"I would not want to be cut from the club because that would mean my GPA wasn't kept where it should be. Academic Letter Winners encourages me to stay above a 3.9 at least.

I think it will help me in my future because it teaches me to discipline by requiring a certain GPA," Clemens said.



1 Joseph Rybicki (12) packages "LC" patches to deliver to SRTs. Students receive that patch during their third semester of Academic Letterwinners. Photo by Lucas Rey

2 Daina Dangerfield (12) sorts through plaques for Academic Letterwinners. She is the president of the club. Photo by Lucas Rey

3 Jessica Clemons (12), Joseph Rybicki (12), Mrs. Rebecca Magee, Social Studies, and Daina Dangerfield (12) organize plaques, packets, and patches to send out to club members. The banquet takes place on April 14th. Photo by Lucas Rey



ACADEMIC LETTERWINNER awards

What award is given out after each semester?

require 3.9 GPA or higher



1. Pin

A. 2nd, 4th, and 6th semester



2. Chevron

B. 1st semester



3. Letter

C. 5th semester

answers:

Pin - C, Chevron - A, Letter - B

6 Officers

1 Annual Academic Letterwinners' banquet

JUST THE NUMBERS

6 Seniors that tutor students 10 students at Protsman 1 day every week

LOOKING AT THE performance

PERFORM: International Thespian Society | BPA | Science Olympiad

"I think the bus is making a buzzing noise..."

It's 10:30 in the morning, and it's just about time to take a weekend-long trip with some of the kids from school to Vincennes University, approximately five hours away from home. There's just one small thing standing in the way... actually, it's more of a large yellow thing standing in your way.

This sticky situation is just what members of the International Thespian Society faced on their way to the State Thespian Conference in Vincennes, Indiana.

The students left LC on January 22, expecting to arrive at Vincennes University before dinner time.

"We started out with nice buses that had the individual backs on the seats and plenty of storage under the bus," Meagan Sipiora (10) said.

However, as soon as they left the LC parking lot, a buzzing sound began in the second bus.

"He [the bus driver] told everyone to check their windows because each window was an emergency exit," Jessica Youngs (10) said.

The students found the window that was causing the buzzing. Thinking that the problem was solved, the bus took off. To everyone's frustration, the buzz-

ing began again only minutes down the road.

"After what seemed like forever, he called for a new bus. We were all pretty bummed that we were going to have to take a regular school bus," Youngs said.

The students had to get their luggage out of the vehicle and packed it into the seats of the new bus. It was around noon and they had not even left St. John.

"We still had a long way to go. To pass the time we played games, read magazines and sang songs," Sipiora said.

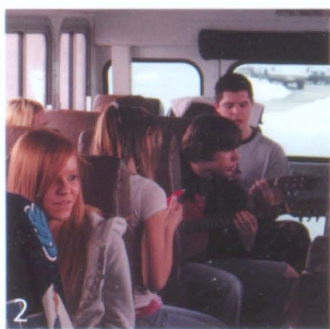
When the buses reached Vincennes, the students were informed that they

would be getting to the university in about five minutes.

"We took a wrong road and ended up going the wrong way for about 15 minutes. When we realized our mistake, we did a U-turn and got back on track," Sipiora said. Later, the students finally arrived at Vincennes University.

"We arrived much later than we had originally planned, but we still created memories along the way," Sipiora said.

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Anthony Perez**



1 Students on Bus 2 unload their luggage from the broken-down bus. One of the bus's windows was jarred, leaving the emergency buzzer to continue to sound. Photo by: Chelsea Keith

2 Jessica Youngs (10), Suzanne Mulligan (10), Jared Kullmann (12), and David Walters (12) enjoy the bus ride to Vincennes, Indiana, for the state conference. Both Kullmann and Walters brought their guitars. Photo by: Chelsea Keith

3 A mechanic converses with the bus driver of the bus making the noise. The noise was thought to be caused by an open emergency window. Photo by: Chelsea Keith

Mrs. Kim Beach, English, helps Meagan Sipiora (10) and Jessica Youngs (10) move their luggage from their original bus to the other. The move happened after their original bus continued to make buzzing noises. Photo by: Chelsea Keith



"The Power to Inspire"

What most high school students consider science is that flimsy science fair project they had to do in the fifth grade. But to the students who devote their time to Science Olympiad, science is so much more. Some might not know about the amount of time that these students devote to Science Olympiad.

They meet three times a week with their sponsor Mr. Fred Farnell, Science, after school to practice the 23 different events that are available to compete. And competition is a large part of being in Science Olympiad.

"There are two different competitions a year," John Hemmerling (10), a competitor in Fossils, Astronomy, and Ecology, said. "There's Regionals and State if we're in the top three, which we usually are."

The team has done extraordinarily well in the last few years, but the students involved have enjoyed their time just as much.

"I enjoy Science Olympiad a lot," Hemmerling said. "I joined it back in sixth grade because of my love for all areas of science."



4 Charles Sayger (10)



5 Michelle Baczkowski (11)



6 Zachary King (10)

1 Science Olympiad coach and sponsor Mr. Fred Farnell, Science, competes in a coach mini-challenge. Farnell won 1st place out of all the coaches there. Photo by: Arthi Venzhavan

2 Arthi Venzhavan (11) and Noemi Hernandez (10) test the efficiency of their bridge. Their bridge held 15 kilograms of weight. Photo by: Arthi Venzhavan

3 The Science Olympiad team smiles after they won 2nd place at the Regional contest on February 13. The team earned the right to continue on to the State competition. Photo by: Arthi Venzhavan

4 "Science Olympiad is a competitive extracurricular activity, and we try to get to state every year," Charles Sayger (10) said.

5 "I've been doing Science Olympiad since I was in sixth grade. It's a really fun activity. My strongest event is Anatomy," Michelle Baczkowski (11) said.

6 "Science Olympiad has definitely been a great way to get involved in the scientific areas, especially chemistry," Zachary King (11) said.

BPA: A TRADITION OF Excellence

Some clubs are all about having fun; others are about achieving and doing well. Business Professionals of America (BPA) is both. As their president, Michael Frick (12), said, "Lake Central is the unstoppable force of BPA programming." And when he says unstoppable, he means unstoppable. In the past two years at their District competition, only two top 10 places in programming were not held by our very own students. "We've sent around 40 students to state the past couple of years," Brett Kelly (11) said. "Everyone works really hard on their events, and our number of qualifiers for state and nationals reflects the awesome work our chapter does." Frick agrees with Kelly's sentiment. "The '1337 G33K5' are all about 'pwning face' in the BPA, and we never disappoint," Frick said.



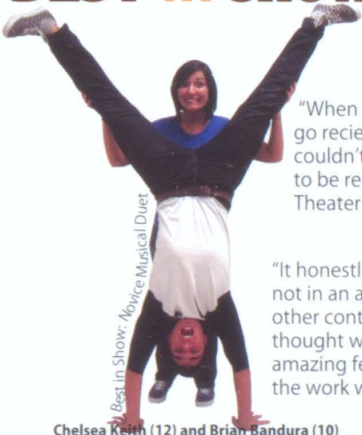
1 Jonathan Ganiyu (12), Nicolas Martinez (12) and Douglas Lannin (12) stand on stage at Chesterton High School to receive their district awards. BPA did well at this competition, especially the programming section. Photo by: Mrs. Rita Chavez, Business

2 Smiling Arthi Venzhavan (11) receives her award at Chesterton High School. She has been involved in the team for all of her years in high school. Photo by: Mrs. Rita Chavez, Business

3 Ryan Lelek (11) takes a district test during a BPA meeting. District tests are taken to facilitate the actual district competition. Photo by: Lucas Rey

BEST in show

ITS students place statewide



Chelsea Keith (12) and Brian Bandura (10)

"When they called our names to go receive our award on stage, I couldn't stop smiling. It felt so great to be representing the Lake Central Theater Company."

Chelsea Keith (12)

"It honestly wasn't a surprise, and not in an arrogant way at all, but the other contestants said they hoped and thought we would win. It was still an amazing feeling, though, to know all the work we put in was worth it."

Brian Bandura (10)

"[The experience] was simply amazing to sit and watch over 600 people watch your winning film in which you put so much time and work into making."

David Cybulski (12)



David Cybulski (12), Lisa Zandy (12) and Grant McCormack (12)

"I was so excited I actually yelped! This was the first year we presented a video at state, so we were very excited when we won."

Lisa Zandy (12)

"Truthfully, I couldn't believe that we won. I'd never heard of anyone from Lake Central winning an experienced category, and I was pretty ecstatic."

Grant McCormack (12)

what we do perform dance

EVENTS

the facts

- 04 school dances
- 02 improv groups
- 22 theater performances
- 03 band concerts

Few things are more numerous than the number of events that take place around LC. There are dances, band and choir concerts, games and the icing on the cake: graduation. Without our LC spirit, there would be no improv groups like "Director's Dozen" or "Off The Back Wall." Our individual interests bring us together where we put on these events.

But theater doesn't stand alone. Each single event we take part in

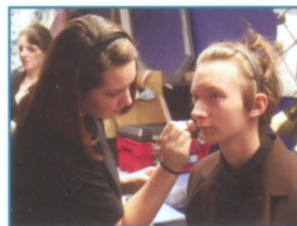
requires dedication and an invested interest.

The people solve this elaborate equation, the people that played the instruments at the homecoming game against Michigan City, the people in the stands that cheered the players on. At the talent show, with filled seats, it was the people that put on each performance. At prom, we lived again that "night of our high school lives." And at the end, at graduation and senior banquet, it

was just people who created those memories and friendships that will spill into college years and maybe even beyond those.

We do everything we can think of, and that's what makes us LC. We have our traditions and our unique events, and in our own way, we are each a part of the bigger picture because of them. We'll make people laugh, we'll make music, and we'll make friends along the way. It's just how we live.

Gina McDonnell (10) applies makeup to actor Matthew Shute (10) before a rehearsal of *Oliver Twist*. The fall play required makeup to make actors look dirty and old. "I love participating in theater because it allows me to momentarily step out of my normal life and portray a character with a completely different life. When this was taken, I thought to myself, 'I really hope this doesn't end up in the yearbook,'" Shute said. Photo by: Michelle Sweeney



Members of the marching band rehearse for their show, *The Journey Within*, on the football field during one of their rare dress rehearsals. Because of their cumbersome costumes, the marching band must practice before their actual performance to ensure everyone is in line and no mistakes are made. "We had to practice in our uniforms because we changed our sashes in the middle of the show from blue to gold," Krista Gallatin (11) said. Photo by: Allie Mender



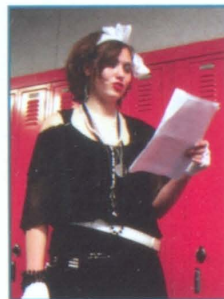
Ryan Beach (11), ad-libbing, acts during one of the "Off The Back Wall" improv performances held in the choir room. All Drama II classes must perform improv for a grade. This year, "Off The Back Wall" and "Director's Dozen" were the names of the improv groups chosen by the students. "I have been doing theater for four years and I have to say improv is one of the most complex parts of theater. It takes a lot of creativity and thinking on your feet," Ryan Beach (11) said. Photo by: Chris Perez



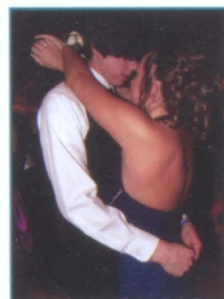
celebrate



Kevin Jackson (12) runs through the banner at Homecoming. Ashley Carstensen (12) and Alicia Moricz (12) were chosen to hold the banner as the team ran through. Photo by: Giola's Photography



Alexandra Dumezich (10) dresses in Madonna-like attire for 80's day during Homecoming week. A unique LC tradition, this year the themes were as follows: Monday September 21 was band T-shirt day, Tuesday was 80's day, Wednesday was formal day, Thursday was college or sports T-shirt day and Friday, the day of the Homecoming game, was blue and white day. Each year, the themes for each day are chosen by student council, but the day of the game is always blue and white day. Photo by: Sarah Steedt



Nolan Mancera (12) and Eryn Schweiger (10) slow dance at winter formal. "[To ask him to formal,] I made him a mix CD, and the first letter of every song spelled out formal. They were all cutesy love songs that reminded me of him," Schweiger (11) said. When formal came, she was nervous because she claims she "can't dance," but things turned out for the better. "It was fun being there and dancing there with my friends. Photo by: Emily DeMarco

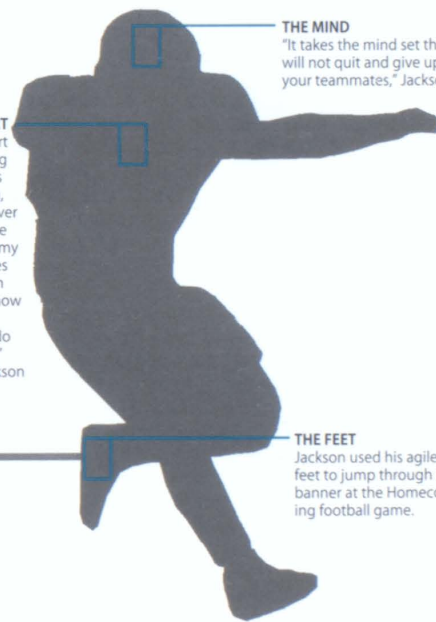


Lauren Wadas (10), a member of the pit, pauses next to her marimba during a movement of a song during the concert band's winter concert. Mr. Nelson, leader of percussion section, was directing the song and Wadas (10) watched him to keep in time. As a member of the concert band, Wadas mastered playing marimba with two mallets in each hand, a task that is very difficult percussionists to develop. Photo by: Emma Harowski

THE HEART
"Your heart is the thing that keeps you going, so whenever I play I give my all for my teammates because in return I know they are going to do the same," Kevin Jackson (12) said.

THE MIND
"It takes the mind set that you will not quit and give up on your teammates," Jackson said.

THE FEET
Jackson used his agile feet to jump through the banner at the Homecoming football game.



THERE IS A MAGIC NUMBER

Three actors square off with alumni

Traditionally, the summer show is dominated by former theater students who come back to act one more time on their old high school stage. When there's only 12 parts in all, it gets even more competitive. For three current students, the opportunity to act with these alumni presented itself during the summer show, "Over the River and Through the Woods."

"I was very surprised when I found out that I was the youngest in the cast," Jessica Youngs (10) said.

Tyler Mills (12), on the other hand, was pleased by his fortune.

"I'm friends with a lot of the alumni in the show, but never had the opportunity to act with them, so I was excited for the opportunity," Mills said.

The current students learned several things from their experienced counterparts.

"I learned so much from them," Raina Zona (12) said. "They brought me so much motivation to keep doing what I'm doing and really work hard, but, at the same time, to not lose sight of

having fun."

Youngs, an even younger actress, learned more about the finer points of acting from the alumni.

"The alumni all had a lot of experience, and I tried to watch them and see how they developed their characters. I think that helped me to become a better actress," Youngs said.

One of the things they learned was how to get into character - no matter what it took.

"Elizabeth Pelka ('07) brought in Depends diapers for all of us who played the elderly to wear. We all wore them on closing night," Zona said. "Let me tell you, it feels just like you would think it feels like: weird."

"If that's not dedication to a character, then I don't know what is," Youngs said of the girls' stunt.

But more than just wearing diapers on stage, the current students took much more away from working with the alumni.

"The most important thing I've learned from this show is to find your own way of doing things and do the absolute best you can," Mills said.

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1 Tyler Mills (12) apologizes to Jessica Youngs (10) onstage. "It was a great experience working with the alumni. I learned a lot, and it has helped me to grow as an actor," Mills said. Photo by: Chris Perez

2 Michael Dodaro ('05) gives his grandmother, played by Raina Zona (12), a snobby look. Throughout the play, the grandparents came up with schemes to keep Dodaro home because of his desire to take a cross-country promotion. Photo by: Chris Perez

3 Joseph Synakiewicz ('09), Zachary Adamczyk ('09), Tyler Mills (12), and Ellyssa Eveland ('08) discuss Mills's character's panic attack. It was brought on by the stress of moving in the play. Photo by: Chris Perez

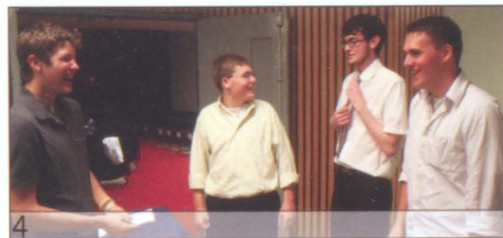
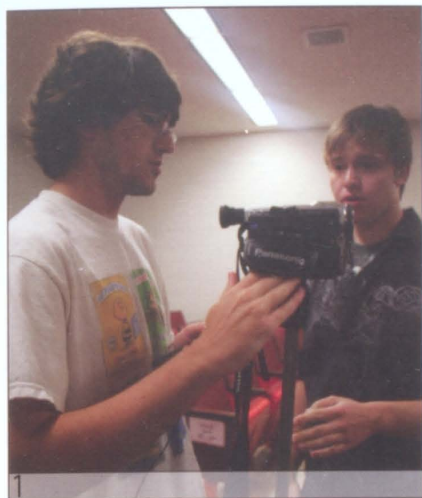


Elizabeth Pelka ('07), Melanie Johnsen ('05), Michael Dodaro ('05), Raina Zona (12), Matthew McClure ('06), and William Jarvis ('09) sit down and enjoy a family dinner during the show. Zona was one of only three current students chosen in the production. Photo by: Chris Perez



SUMMER SHOW

"TENGO FAMIGLIA."



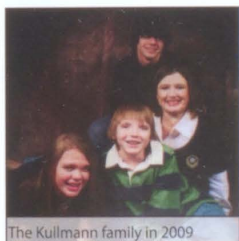
1 Grant McCormack (12) receives help from David Cybulski (12) on operating the video camera. This was McCormack's first time as videographer. Photo by: Chris Perez

2 Michael Dodaro ('05) and Raina Zona (12) smile for William Jarvis ('09) and Matthew McClure ('08). The stereotypical grandparents took many pictures during the play. Photo by: Chris Perez

3 Benjamin Young (12) marks his light cues. Traditionally an actor, Young helped with the lights for this show and worked through a fuse outage. Photo by: Chris Perez

4 Mark Bottger (12), Ryan Beach (11), Evan Stahr ('11), and Shawn Beach (11) share a laugh before the show. The four helped to tech the show. Photo by: Chris Perez

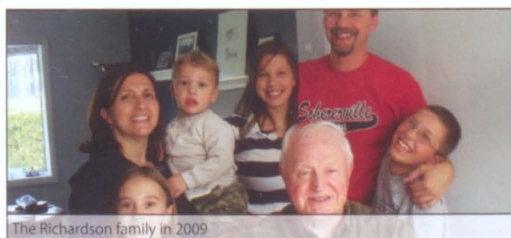
WHAT IS "FAMIGLIA" TO YOU?



The Kullmann family in 2009



The Kullmann family in 2004



The Richardson family in 2009

In "Over the River and Through the Woods," the emphasis on "famiglia" (or "family," as we would say in English) is the largest throughout the play. But how do the cast members themselves feel about family?

Crew member Kayleigh Kullmann (9) said, "My family means the world to me. Without them, I do not know what I would do."

"For as long as I can remember, my mom has always told me, 'I will support you in whatever you do.' She has never once gone back on her word," Gianna Richardson (11) said.

Support from their families means a lot to the crew members.

"I think that support demonstrates care and love, and those three things combined are what should be the base of a family," Richardson said.

Kullmann said, "My family has helped me by being there. Without them, I would never have made it to high school."



"I loved working with a small cast. It was a lot of fun and all of us became really close."

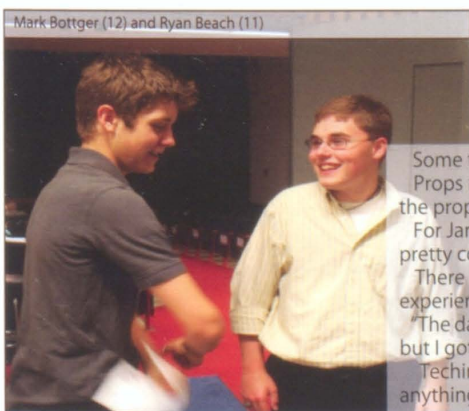
Daina Dangerfield (12) said.



"This was the most relaxed show I've ever done, and I had a blast," Brooke Carnahan (12) said.



"I was so excited to see my set design and the cast really made it seem like it was a home." Hannah Nava (11) said.



Mark Bottger (12) and Ryan Beach (11)

JUST ACTORS?

Some traditional actors found themselves adjusting to technical roles.

Props master Matthew Shute (10) said, "I try to be a very versatile person, so being the props master was a great experience."

For Jared Kullmann (12), teching was a return to his roots. "I started in tech. It was pretty cool to get back to the 'dark side,'" Kullmann said.

There were some challenges however. Light board operator Benjamin Young (12) experienced a major setback.

"The day of the first performance, our light board basically blew a fuse. It was tough, but I got through with the help of the light designer, David Cybulski (12)."

Teching left a good feeling for the three: "I wouldn't change the experience for anything. I would definitely tech again!" Shute said.

3 Death | 2 Student directors | 4 Adult diapers | 6 Performances | JUST THE NUMBERS | 2 Separate casts | 12 Cast members | 120 Minutes long | 18 Average age

THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Fans show school spirit from Indians to blue paint

Whether it's dressing up like Indians or painting ourselves blue, we always find a special way to show off school spirit.

"I wanted to stand out and hype up the fans. I also like to be loud and energetic so my outfit helped me catch attention," Rogelio Camarena (12) said. It's tradition at every homecoming to have a student dress up as our Indian.

"It took me about a half hour to get ready for the game. My body paint was a hassle; it took about 20 minutes to keep switching the colors of the paint. The rest of my outfit was already laid out from the night before," Camarena said.

Joseph Smyth (12), Brandon Byrd (12) and James Wangercyn (12), decided to paint their entire bodies blue to be noticed at the homecoming game.

"It was my idea to paint us blue, and a spur of the moment type of thing," Joseph Smyth (12) said.

"It took us about an hour and a half to paint ourselves blue. It took so long because Joey had to put his makeup on," Byrd said.

The boys not only painted their bodies blue, but they also decided to cover their faces with the blue paint. They were nearly unrecognizable to their peers. Covered from head to toe, these guys cheered the entire game, and gave high spirits to the huge LC crowd.

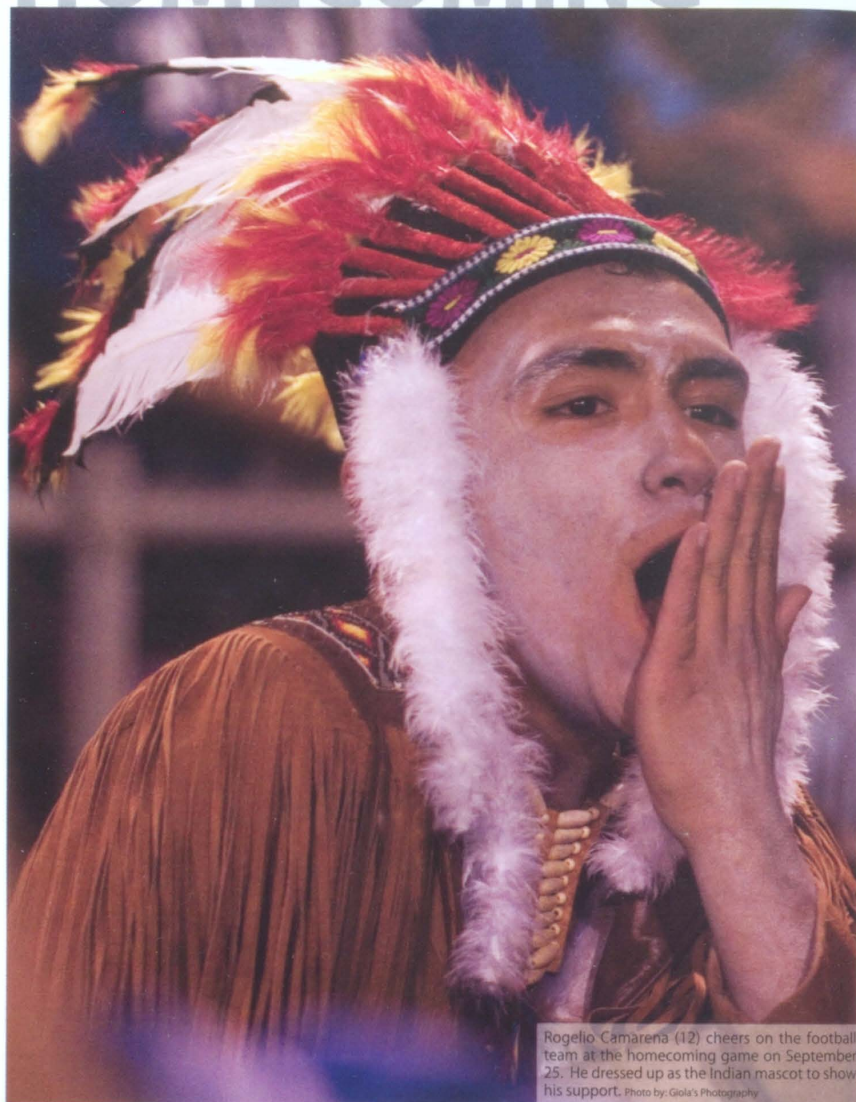
"I thought one wash would have done the job to get it off, but I actually looked like a goon. After only one wash, it was still on. It was behind my ears, it was on my back, my eye boogers were blue for a month! Other than all that, it came off very easy," Wangercyn said.

Even though cleaning up after took awhile, the guys say it was worth it to be seen as "legends."

"My favorite memory of the game was unleashing the blue with my best friends and going crazy at the game," Smyth said.

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& Stephanie Slevnik

HOMECOMING



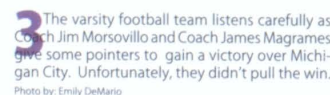
Rogelio Camarena (12) cheers on the football team at the homecoming game on September 25. He dressed up as the Indian mascot to show his support. Photo by: Giola's Photography



1 Justin-Cory Nesbitt (12) tackles one of the Michigan City players. There was only one injury on the LC team the entire night. Photo by: Giola's Photography



2 Andres Arellano (12) scores a touchdown during the third quarter of the game. "It sucked that we lost, but it was a memorable moment for me," Arellano said. Photo by: Giola's Photography



3 The varsity football team listens carefully as Coach Jim Morsovillo and Coach James Magrames give some pointers to gain a victory over Michigan City. Unfortunately, they didn't pull the win. Photo by: Emily DeMario



HALFTIME SHOW



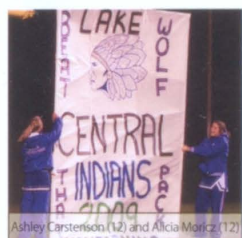
1 Michael Gurney (11) enthusiastically plays his clarinet at the homecoming game. "I wasn't nervous at all," Gurney said, "I think it was one of the best homecoming performances we have ever had." Photo by: Emily DeMario

2 William Pollalis (10) and Jesse Huisenga (10) cross the 30 yard line during the halftime show. "I was excited for the game, even though the outcome was obvious," Pollalis said. Photo by: Jennifer Gamboa

3 The brass section lifts its horns to entertain the audience during halftime. The marching band performed a piece called "The Journey Within." Photo by: Giola's Photography

4 The Color Guard readies itself for the show. The show was called "The Journey From Within." Photo by: Giola's Photography

PRE-GAME TRADITIONS



Homecoming brings a tradition in which every year the cross country team and the cheerleaders get involved with the pre-show.

"Three hours after the Earth was created, Mr. [Rudy] Skorupa decided that the LC cross country team should run around the football field before the game. It's been tradition since then," Christopher Jelewski (12) said.

This year they decided only the seniors should be able to make the run. One of the most exciting moments of the game, however, is seeing the football team run through the banner. As the audience waits to see the many players, the cheerleaders prepare to risk their lives.

"This year was the only time ever that a football player has tripped over the sign. Normally it is the cheerleaders that get themselves hurt because the football players hurt our fingers by running through the banner so fast with so much force," Alicia Moricz (12) said.

It is in the Homecoming tradition that the cheerleaders hold the homecoming banner for the football players to run through before the game. Another tradition held is lighting the words "Lake Central" on fire on homecoming night.



"It was fun being with my friends, but the night was ruined because Lake Central lost," Devin Homans (9) said.



"It was cold and rainy, but it was worth cheering on the team, and the marching band," Anias Reed (9) said.



"It was exciting, everyone is cool to you. The game could have gone better though," Michael Hines (9) said.

A Sophomore Insight

"I came late to the game, but it was still fun even though we lost. Then me and all my friends went to the dance," Michael Miketinas (10) said.

"The game was really fun since I was with my friends and because of the people crowd surfing and I got to talk to the ladies," Eric Butler (10) said.

"This was my second Homecoming game and since it was my second time going, I knew where to sit and how to dress," Anthony Marlow (10) said.

"The game was fun even though it was raining. It was kind of disappointing that we lost, but I still had a good time with all of my friends," Haley Shuman (10) said.

"I went to the game with my friends, and this was my first homecoming. It was really fun hanging out with everyone and cheering on the football team even though we lost," Aleksandra Lazic (10) said.

"It was really fun to go the game and see everyone. The crowd was really into the game since it was homecoming," Zachary Gentz (10) said.

\$20 Blue paint | 4 Princesses | 98 Players | 1 Senior king | JUST THE NUMBERS | 1 Senior queen | 4 Princes | 1 Halftime show | 3 Blue men



"A casual homecoming is much more comfortable than a formal one," Eric Perego (12) said.



"I love how we have a casual homecoming. It's fun to change it up a bit," Courtney Severin (12) said.



"Formal is fun because everyone looks nice and has a date. I like dressing up and going out with my date after dances," Joshua Berwanger (11) said.

LC'S MOST WANTED



Jonathan Gross (9)



Alexandra Targos (9)



Lauren Skertich (9)

To most students, Homecoming is a night full of celebration. But this wasn't exactly the case for a group of 25 freshmen.

25 students had a normal Homecoming night for the most part, they attended the game and the dance; everything was going as planned. But this particular group of friends was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.


They were out past curfew, but the whole situation was made out to be much more. The boys and girls met after the dance at Lauren Skertich's (9) house. At around 3:30 a.m., the girls left to walk the boys down the street back to where they were staying the night.

Plans did not go so smoothly.

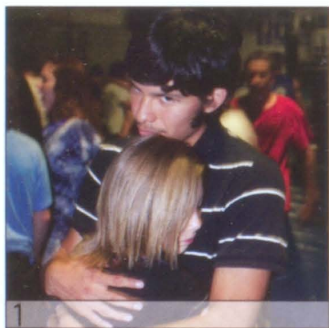
Four of the boys, including Jonathan Gross (9) ended up in handcuffs, and each of the 25 students were fined a ticket. Three police officers were patrolling the streets and believed that this group of freshmen were breaking into cars. Once the group was spotted by the cops, Alexandra Targos (9) waved her arms to show that they meant no harm. Regardless, they underwent questioning by cops from three different police cars.

One of the moms came to talk things over with the cops and everyone was escorted back home. They had to suffer the consequences, though, with a curfew ticket.

"We all laughed about it when we got home. Everyone's parents were okay with the situation and all of the tickets were paid," said Lauren Skertich (9).

	formal	casual	formal or casual dance?
seniors	26%	74%	 <p>"Either way I look good, but with casual there's no worries"</p> <p>Will Sasaki (10) said.</p>
juniors	39%	59%	
sophomores	47%	53%	
freshmen	29%	71%	

*88 students of each class surveyed

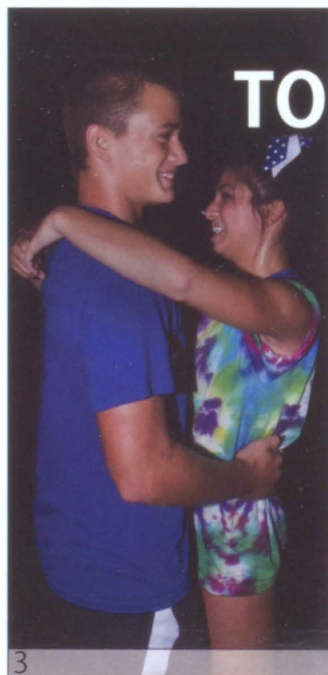
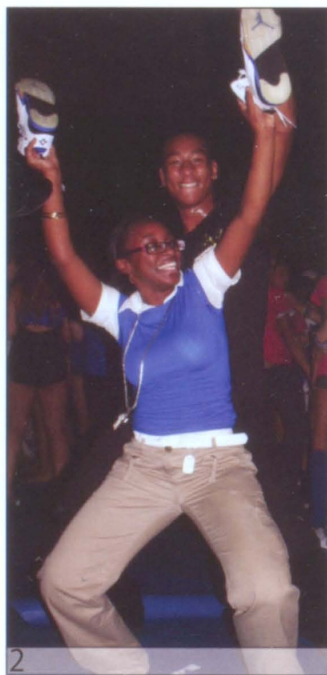


1 Alberto Trejo (12) and Jessica Coleman (10) slow things down on the dance floor. The two slow danced to a few songs that night. Photo by: Gioia's Photography

2 Cyara Johnson (10) and David Brumfield (12) show off their moves at the dance. The temperature in the gym didn't seem to bother them. "It was hot so I took my shoes off," Johnson (10) said. "I didn't want anyone to steal them." Photo by: Jennifer Gambosa

3 Casey Drenth (10) and Alexandra Trevino (9) dance to a slow song together. The two enjoyed the game, but had even more fun during the dance. Photo by: Gioia's Photography

4 Joseph Conway (11) and Ashley Dowling (12) smile toward the camera during one of the slow dances. Each sported school colors; Dowling, in addition, by dying her hair blue. Photo by: Jennifer Gambosa



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

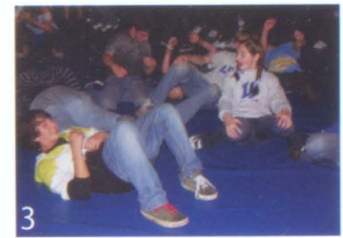




1 Preparing for the homecoming events, Megan Tincot (11) applies make up on Eryn Schweiger (11). Both supported LC by wearing school colors. Photo by Danielle Glosa

2 Kristin McDermott (12) dances to the song "Jump On It." "That's the best song ever," McDermott (12) said, on fun she had at her very last homecoming. Photo by Gola's Photography

3 Ashley Peterson (9) and Christian Perez (9) show their best dance moves during the "Cha Cha Slide." This group of freshmen had a great time at their first LC dance. Photo by Jennifer Gamboa



Two best friends, Mary Zugovic (12) and Bridget Boyle (10), make each other laugh while at the dance. The two made T-shirts with their group of friends to display their school spirit. Photo by Jennifer Gamboa

A NON-BLACK TIE AFFAIR

At homecoming, blue and white body paint, homemade T-shirts and Indian feathers replace the typical suit and tie or stylish dress. Students create unique traditions that set the school apart from any other in the area. Some party right after the big game at the informal homecoming dance, as opposed to the average high school experience of waiting another day to attend the formal, Saturday night festivities. For some, this may be a letdown, but others think of it as an opportunity to express their creativity and sport their school spirit.

"I like how you don't have to get all dressed up," Vlade Nacovski (12) said. "I showed school spirit by wearing my blue and white wrestling singlet to the dance."

Of the estimated 900 students that attended the homecoming events, a surprising amount would have preferred a more formal night.

Alexa Zditosky (11) said, "It's fun that it's casual because you can make your own shirt, but I'd rather have it be formal so I can wear a dress and bring a date."

Unlike a normal high school dance, homecoming is considered to be a "friend night" and not a "date night." This creates a relaxed and laid back atmosphere, making room for fun and countless memories. Everyone seems to be carefree considering their attire and appearance.

"No one cares what they look like because everyone is sweaty and gross by the end of the night anyway. It's a good thing the dance isn't formal, everything is 20 times hotter while wearing a suit," Joseph Turman (11) said.

With the large number of students, the school gym, occupied by more than just upperclassmen, is a sea of blue and white. Many freshmen get the chance to experience their first high school dance.

"I was unsure about the dance because I heard mixed reviews, but it ended up being a very memorable night," Abigail Emmett (9) said.

Freshmen are not allowed to go to Winter Formal or Prom, so Homecoming is their only opportunity to attend a dance. With the large number of students, it can be very difficult to plan dances and events in which everyone can attend. But Homecoming is a time for all classes to intermingle without the stress of overcrowding the venue since the dance is held in the gymnasium.

8 Megan Anderson
Chelsey Banasiak

HOMECOMING DANCE

1 Night of fun | **3** Hours of dancing | **900+** Students | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | **400+** Presold tickets | **\$10** For a ticket | **1st** School dance for freshmen

DISCOVERING A FRESH FACE

Freshman takes lead role in fall play

This year for Lake Central Theatre Company's fall show, the cast and crew pulled together once more to present the play *Oliver Twist*. The play, based on the novel written by Charles Dickens, is about a young orphan boy and his life through England. After two nights of auditions and call backs, the cast was chosen. The main character, Oliver Twist, the unfortunate orphan boy, was not picked to be played by a senior, or a junior, or even a sophomore, but a freshman named Kody Brewerton.

"I was surprised by Kody getting a leading role since he's only a freshman," Amy Rupp (10) said.

A lot of fellow actors doubted Kody's talent by his young age, but he had a few years of acting experience to back him up and remained calm and confident during the auditions.

"I wasn't really that nervous," Brewerton said. "I mean, it wasn't really that scary auditioning with upperclassmen."

Brewerton had participated in three previous plays, but he had never landed a role as a main character. Not only was this Brewerton's first high school play, but it was also his first leading role. In previous plays, Brewerton usually played multiple characters, especially in small, middle school productions. But he quickly adjusted to high school and made friends with the cast and crew of the fall play. Fellow actors were eager to help out the new addition to the theater company.

"Everyone in theater really helped me to become as good of a character as I could be," Brewerton said. "I really appreciated that."

Everyone involved with the production of the play welcomed Brewerton with open arms to make sure the new cast member made the most out of acting.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "You meet a lot of nice people and gain a really good experience."

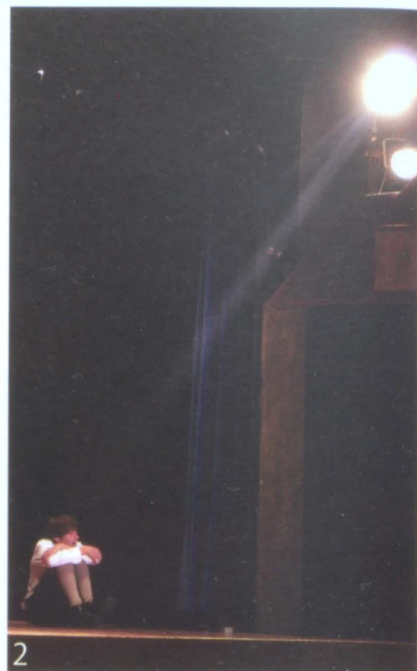
Brewerton hopes he'll have another chance at landing such a prominent role as he did with *Oliver Twist*. Although the experienced freshman doesn't quite have any intentions of continuing acting throughout college, Brewerton enjoys taking part in the high school plays for the time being. He expects to be involved in community plays at Munster over the summer. Starting his high school acting career out on a very good foot, students can all be sure to see more of Kody Brewerton on the stage.

& Scout Demir
Alli Dockweiler

1 Shawn Beach (11) goes in for a kiss from Amy Rupp (10). Beach tried to persuade Rupp to reveal her character's association with *Oliver Twist*. Photo by: Anthony Perez

2 Kody Brewerton (9) plays a depressed Oliver Twist. After his escape from a funeral home, Oliver ran away, soon to be employed by Fagin. Photo by: Chelsea Keith

3 Shawn Beach (11) and Kody Brewerton (9) dramatically take the stage. Beach's character, Mr. Bumble, despised Oliver and demanded total obedience. Photo by: Anthony Perez



Kody Brewerton (9) stands on stage with fellow actor Jared Kullman (12). The two think of ways to help Fagin's gang while they sorted through the day's loot. Photo by: Cheryl Perez



FALL PLAY

MOVING UP TO LONDON



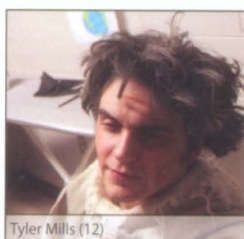
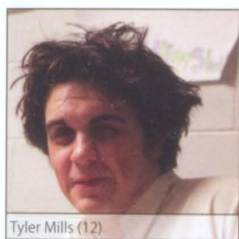
1 Amy Rupp (10), Kody Brewerton (9), and Shawn Beach (11), act out a scene on opening night. Rupp played Mrs. Mann, Beach, Mr. Bumble and Brewerton played Oliver Twist. Photo by Michelle Sweeney

2 Jared Kullmann (12) finds a young Oliver, portrayed by Kody Brewerton (9). Oliver was on the road to London when he was spotted by the Artful Dodger who offered him help. Photo by Chris Perez

3 Mike Nugent (12), who plays Noah Claypole, makes fun of Kody Brewerton (9). Oliver was ridiculed for the passing of his mother after an undertaker bought him from a workhouse. Photo by Michelle Sweeney

4 Kelly Bourget (11) and Lori Stasinski (11) share the stage. The two juniors were the narrators throughout the play, presenting each changing scene. Photo by Chris Perez

A STAR SENIOR



Tyler Mills (12) played Fagin, in the production of *Oliver Twist*. Mills not only won Best Actor from LCTC, but after a competition for the region, he also won Best Supporting Actor.

"I was very surprised, especially for the Best Supporting Actor award," Mills said. "Nobody from Lake Central has won an award like this, so I was incredibly honored."

It was a huge achievement, as Mills was running against 10 other schools in the region for this award. He put a lot of time, effort and thought to successfully portray his character as Fagin.

Before shows, he would like to always spend a little time to himself. He would focus on truly perceiving his role as his character. Mills participated in previous play productions and feels very passionately about acting and drama.

He plans on becoming an actor in the future, and this award boosted his confidence on how good of an actor he is. This being his last year, earning Best Supporting Actor regionally really was the cherry on top for his senior year.

"This makes it feel like I'm just one step closer to becoming a successful actor," Tyler Mills said.



"Although my part wasn't the biggest, I still really felt involved," Alex-andria Dumezich (10) said.



"Everyone in the theater really helped me to become as good of a character as I could," Kody Brewerton (9) said.



"This play was a lot of fun, meeting the freshmen, being a senior and being a lead role," Jared Kullmann (12).

"I'm confident in graduating now," Daina Dangerfield (12)

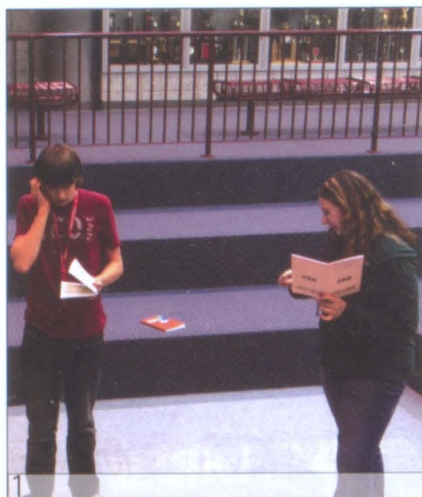


More than costumes go into the production of a play. In the fall play, *Oliver Twist*, makeup was primarily used to make certain characters look aged. "It usually took around half an hour to get the makeup on," Daina Dangerfield (12) said. With only seven girls on the makeup staff, getting on the makeup took a while. The previous staff trained four others to help with the tedious tasks. Dangerfield was relieved knowing that there are trained makeup artists for the future. "I'm confident in graduating now," Dangerfield said.

A CHARACTER IN THE MAKING

26 Cast members | 2 Audition nights | 1 Annual show | 6 Makeup crew members | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 17 Backstage helpers | 3 Play productions | 4 Directors | 11 Honor thespians

PLAYING UP THE SCENE



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1 Cody Brewerton (9) talks over with his manager to help him out with an unruly customer played by Richanne Matthews (9). Matthews was upset that the book store she visited did not have a copy of Oprah's latest book in their play "Oprah Made Me Do It". Photo by: Justin Seiber

2 Matthew Shute (10) stops his cast during a run through of their play, "Reese & Babe" to give stage direction. Shute, along with other directors gave insight to many of the first time actors in order to better their acting. Photo by: Cesar Pulido

3 Ryan Beach (11) gives a lesson in dramatics to Keema O'Gonuwe (9) and Samantha Yadron (10) during a practice run of their play "The Audition." Beach explained that overdramatics are okay on stage as they exaggerate emotion. Photo by: Cesar Pulido

4 Aina Dangerfield (11) explains the importance of getting into character during practice in the Freshman Center pit. The pit was used as a place for practice with the auditorium, LGL, and M206. Photo by: Justin Seiber



"I'm a little nervous and I just hope I remember all my lines! But I'm excited," Anna Swan (9)



"I'm hoping that the show runs very well. I hope I remember all my light-board cues," Abigail Stahr (9)

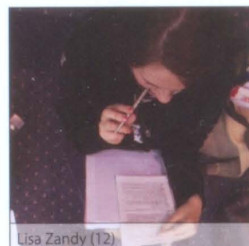


"I'm so excited for it! I know they're been working really hard all this time and it's really going to show tonight," Meagan Sipiora (10)

DIRECTING THE ACT



Ryan Beach (11)



Lisa Zandy (12)



Gianna Richardson (11)

When it comes to Freshman Plays, most other freshmen might think it is a scary experience being on stage for the first time. But, it is not just the freshmen who are being introduced to theater, many of the upper-class directors take the Freshman Plays as a chance to try directing for the first time. Being an upperclassman director requires confidence and good leadership skills.

"We help give guiding support. We're essentially there to guide them into better actors and actresses," David Cybulski (12) said. This was Cybulski's first time directing live action.

Because the directors are upperclassmen, they have to put aside their own feelings and keep confidence as a leader even if being a director is just a new experience as acting is to the cast.

"It's not really scary, you definitely have to step up the leadership skills. It's not a matter of our fears but helping [the cast] overcome their own," Matthew Shute (10) said.

Shute directed the play "Reese & Babe" alongside William Barry (10) and Meagan Sipiora (10), all first time directors.

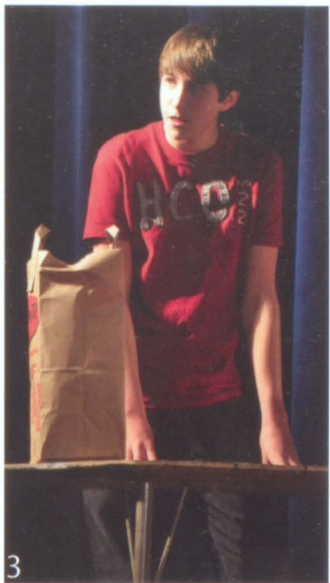
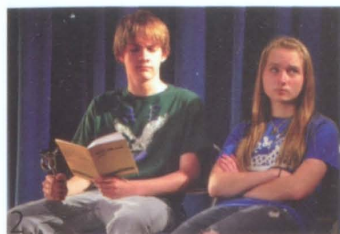
Regardless of experience, a director still has to step up and take control of the cast, set, lights and sounds, and make everything into one cohesive play.

Kyle Granskog (10) was student technical director for the freshman plays. His job entitled him to showing the new freshman how to work technical aspects of the show including lightboard, soundboard, spotlight, and stage management. The task seemed overwhelming, but Granskog handled the task with ease.

"As long as you know what you're doing and have good technicians along side you, there is nothing to worry about."

Taking It Tech With:
Kyle Granskog





1 Victoria Morales (9) and Kailynn Madsen (9) take direction from Brooke Carnahan (12). Carnahan was one of the student directors for one of the Freshman Plays. Photo by: Cesar Pulido

2 William Barry (10) "reads" for the part of a clown who honks to talk alongside Dayana Yos (9). The clown was questioning the disappearance of his pet chimpanzee in "Reese & Babe." Photo by: Anthony Perez

3 Kody Brewerton (9) plays a bookstore salesman who deals with an angry customer in the Freshman Play "Oprah Made Me Do It." The customer was angry because the bookstore did not carry Oprah's latest book. Photo by: Anthony Perez

SCENE AND HEARD

Freshmen step into the spotlight

To most older students, freshmen are just the "little people" of the school who aren't heard, but rather, seen in the school and disregarded because they're freshmen; nobody even listens right? But not all freshmen decide to remain quiet; there is a handful each year that are seen and heard. Where? Take some willing upper-classmen directors and freshmen who have an interest in theater and you have a final product that is showcased in May on stage.

"[I did] the Freshman Plays because I've always been drawn towards the arts, especially music and theater," Kylee King (9) said.

The Freshman Plays are no three-act musicals with complicated choreography, but the casts do get to strut their stuff on stage and show what they have in the one-act plays they take part in.

"I like the excitement of being on stage. I love [being] on stage and making people laugh. I feel like I belong on the stage," Samantha Yadron (9) said. Yadron played the part of a mime from France in her play, "The Audition."

However, it takes more than a strong desire to be in theater to put on a good show. There is a lot of time and practice that goes into the making of a presentable show. There are cues and directions to remember, set pieces to find, props to include, and of course, lines to memorize.

"Sometimes I get a little stressed, but my directors always fix that because they are so great. We all work hard and have a good time," Yadron said.

Despite the hard work the casts go through at practices, they remember to have a good time. The casts learn how to improve their skills on stage through improv games the directors show them to help work on characterization and acting skills.

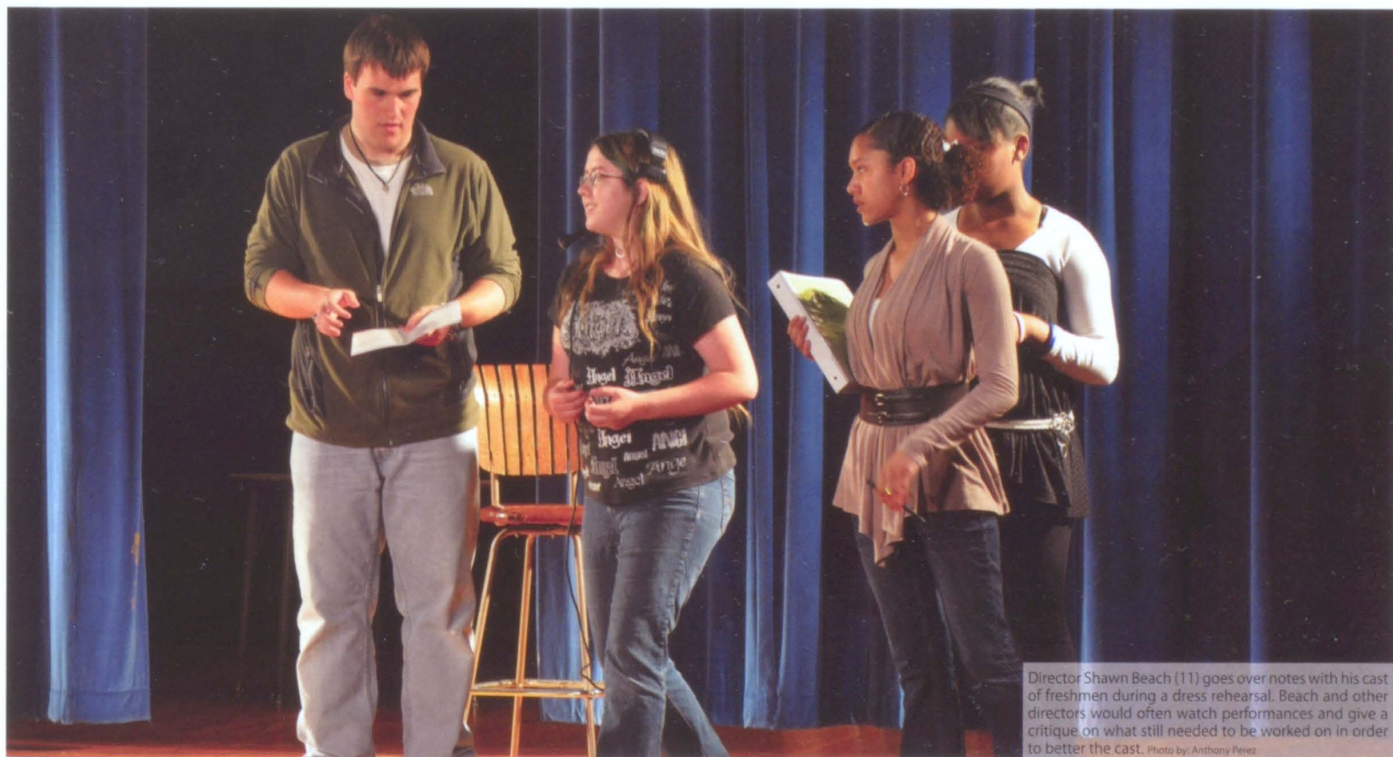
"I am happy to be there [at practice] expressing myself. I am also patient with myself when working on improvements," Victoria Morales (9) said.

By taking a part in the Freshman Plays, the casts catch a glimpse into what the busy and chaotic world of theater is like.

"I love theater and love the people in it, and now I will definitely try out for further plays," Yadron said.

With some more work and dedication, the freshmen of today could just be the shining stars of theater tomorrow.

Cesar Pulido
Justin Seiber

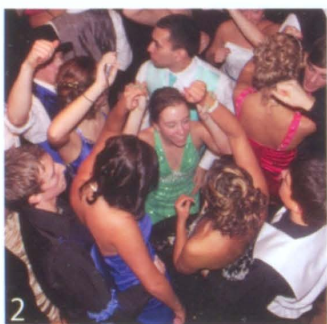


Director Shawn Beach (11) goes over notes with his cast of freshmen during a dress rehearsal. Beach and other directors would often watch performances and give a critique on what still needed to be worked on in order to better the cast. Photo by: Anthony Perez

FRESHMAN PLAYS

17 Total cast members | 2 Boys that are in the plays | 4 Separate plays | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 2 Performances | 10 Upperclassman directors | 1 Act plays that are performed

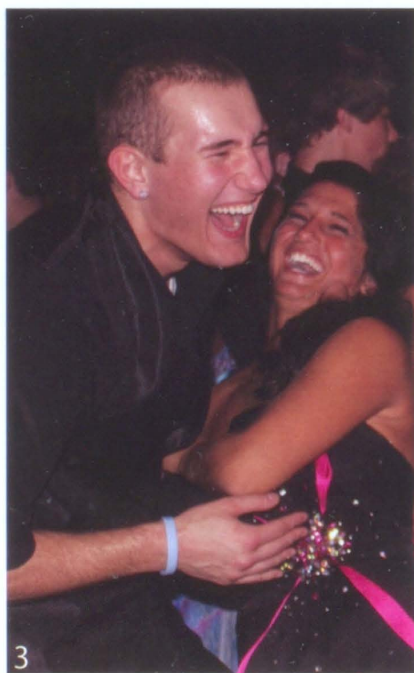
In the middle of a fast-paced dance, Courtney Mirkov (11) and Jacob Egli (12) dance. Mirkov and Egli came to the dance in a group that included friends Rebecca Garcia (11) and Jeffery Keilman (11). Photo by Giola's Photography



1 Formal King Richard Reasons (12) shakes hands with his fellow Formal Court members. Reasons was elected king under the newly revised formal court procedures; formerly, only N-teens could be on the Formal Court. Photo by: Giola's Photography

2 Julian Brandt (11) and friends dance together at the Winter Formal dance at the Halls of St. George. The theme of the dance was "When Night Falls." Photo by Anna Weber

3 Adam Karcz (12) and Racquel Mazer (12) share a laugh out on the dance floor. Although the two did not attend the dance together as dates, they were in the same group. Photo by Anna Weber



PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

What it takes to prep for the first formal of the year

It's the end of January, and finally, it's time to dress up. While most schools have at least had a semi-formal Homecoming, our Winter Formal is the first chance there is to get all spiffed up. Some students seize the chance, taking it to the next level; others simply see it as just another day, just another dance. Either way, getting ready for the formal has just as many stories as the actual dance itself.

Bridget Boyle (10) chose to go the casual route with her formal experience. "All I really did was get my hair done," Boyle said. "I don't really wear makeup usually, so I didn't spend much time on my makeup."

Boyle said she kept her prep time to an hour and a half.

"I think it's a waste of time and money. It's only one night, and you get sweaty anyway," Boyle said.

Ashley DeSantiago (11), however, took the opposite route with getting ready for her junior formal. She was determined to make sure that she looked her best on that night.

"I wanted to get decked out for junior and senior formals since I didn't dress up that much for my sophomore formal," DeSantiago said.

DeSantiago got her hair, nails and makeup all done professionally, costing altogether \$150. Also, she bought a new dress and new shoes and jewelry, costing \$380.

"It was all worth it and a very exciting experience," DeSantiago said.

Boys don't face nearly half the decisions that girls attending formal face, and their average outfit doesn't run anywhere near \$500.

"It's unfair, since girls have to get their hair done and nails done, and guys just have to get ready a half hour before," Brian Zimmer (10) said.

Zimmer said it took him about 15 minutes to get ready in all, although he did run into problems with his suit.

"I kept worrying about how I looked, because I wanted everything to be perfect, and then I saw that my bow tie was upside down," Zimmer said.

Zimmer also said that he felt like spending for formal dances was getting out of control.

"People go all out for formal like it's only going to happen once," Zimmer said. "I think they spend way too much for one night."

Chelsea Keith
Emily Hogg

seniors opting out of **formal**



"I didn't go because I went last year and I had fun, but I didn't feel like I needed to go again this year. Brooke Corley (12) and I went to Red Robin instead."

Kristina Hemmerling (12) said.

"I didn't have any money, and Ashley Carstensen (12) didn't ask me. I really don't care that I didn't go to my senior formal. As long as I go to prom, it's all chill."

Branislav Malesevic (12) said.



"I don't think it's a big deal that freshmen don't get to go to formal, because everybody gets their time." **Shay Fox (9)**

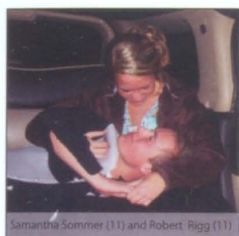


"I think it's stupid because everyone else gets to have fun, and we don't. I hope to go to formal next year." **Katelyn Jacobs (9)**

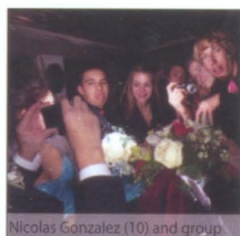


"I wish freshmen could go to formal because it would get us involved with the general population. I think it would be cool if we had our own dance." **Jenna Wozniak (9)**

AFTER FORMAL



Samantha Sommer (11) and Robert Rigg (11)



Nicolas Gonzalez (10) and group

The dance is over. The DJ is packing up his equipment. The N-teens are working to straighten up the hall, and now it's time for after-Formal plans. With the variety of options out there, groups of all ages find something for them out there.

For some groups, keeping it local works for them.

"Our group took a limo to Uno's Pizzeria," Rosilio Roman (10) said. "We ended up having a huge spitball fight at Uno's. I know it's gross and immature, but it was fun."

Others decide to head off to Chicago.

"[My group] went to Maggiano's in Chicago for dinner. A few people got sick from the food, though. Then, we went back to my house and hung out," Robert Rigg (11) said. "Most of the people stayed the night and left the next day around noon."

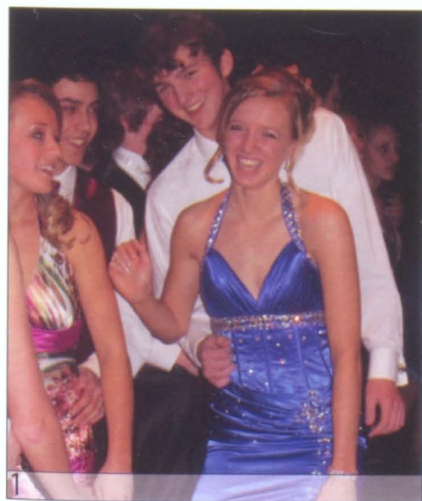
A traditional stop for post-Formal plans is Dick's Last Resort in Chicago. Ashley Kristevski (12) and her group stopped by the restaurant, where they experienced something completely out of the ordinary.

"Outside the restaurant, we met a tap-dancing hobo," Kristevski said.



Ashley Kristevski (12), Michelle Phillips (12), Katherine Blessing (12), and Nikolina Alder (12)

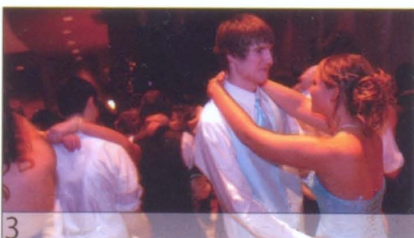
"WHEN NIGHT FALLS"



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1 Sharing a dance, Joshua Spyryka (11) and Alana Etinger (11) smile. The dance lasted until 11 p.m., when many groups left to eat or travel to Chicago. Photo by: Anna Weber

2 Kelly Bourget (11), Taylor Triemstra (10), Lisa Zandy (12) and Kris Buchanan (11) dance together. The four friends met through the choir and theater programs. Photo by: Emma Harowski

3 Michael Karcz (10) and Caitlyn Walters (10) join the other couples on the dance floor during a slow dance. Winter Formal is the only dance sophomores couples are eligible to attend. Photo by: Gola's Photography

4 Members of Formal Court cheer for newly elected Formal Queen Nikolina Alder (12). She and Formal King Richard Reasons (12) were elected, thanks in part to a grueling Facebook campaign. Photo by: Gola's Photography

INSTEAD I GAVE TO RILEY'S

Giving Up Prom Luxuries to Give Back to Riley's Children's Hospital

According to the Riley Children's Hospital website, the facility is considered one of the best children's hospitals in the country. The hospital, located in Indianapolis, has served many ill LC students over the years. Just this year, John Decker (11) was treated at the facility.

The hospital's great reputation and charity are why Mr. Sean Begley, Principal, decided to start the "Instead, I Gave to Riley's" campaign.

"I think it's important to have a balanced curriculum and part of that is the social aspect. Riley Children's Hospital is a great organization with specialized care," Begley said.

The program works as a basic exchange. A student attending Prom "gives up" something, such as a big bouquet, an extra trip to the tanning salon, or dessert, and donates the money to Riley Children's hospital. Students Against Destructive Decisions, SADD, got on board with the projects, and went around to SRTs to try to promote the program.

"We just told them that if they gave up something small to donate to Riley's, and turned it into the office, it would really help," Peter Doukas (10) said.

They ran into bumps along the way, but people gained interest in the program.

"You always have those Debbie Downers, but I could tell some people were gonna help. Mr. [Ralph] Holden [Social Studies] actually handed us a dollar," Doukas said.

Support kept growing from one dollar, to \$534 by the end of Prom.

"The most important thing is that whenever you are having the time of your life to remember those that are less fortunate," Begley said.

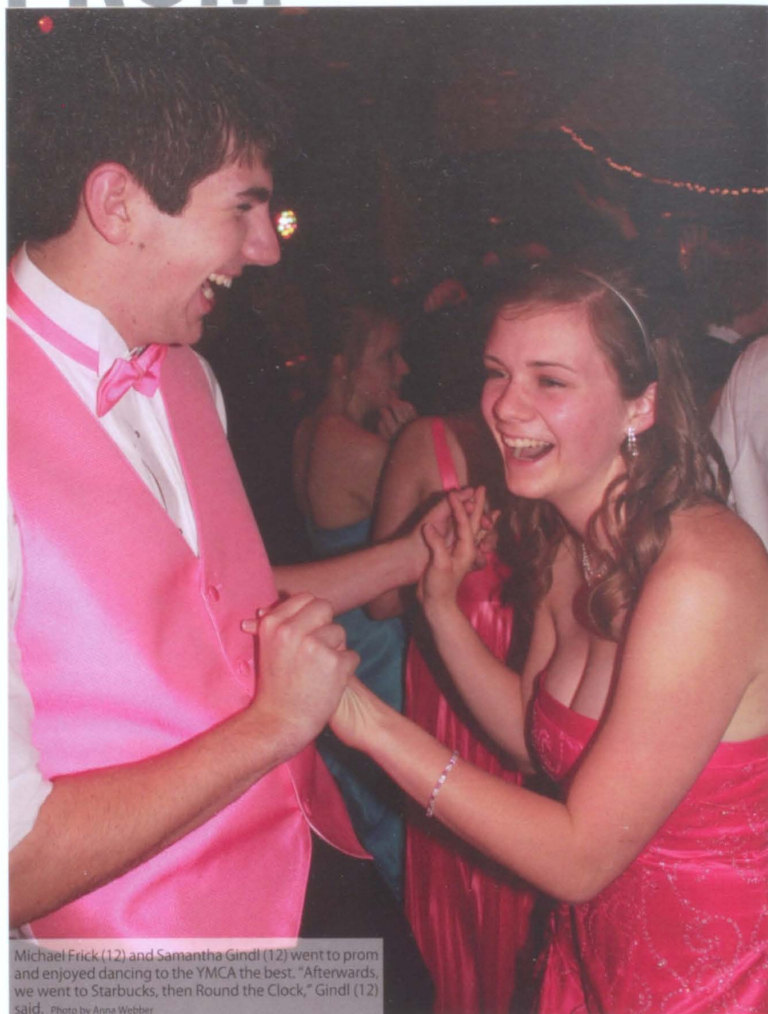
All the other schools in the school corporation do a program yearly for Rileys, so LC plans to continue the program next year, and every year after.

"It worked out pretty well for the first year, but our goal is one dollar per student, or around \$3200," Begley said.

SADD and Junior Class Cabinet are along on board for another year. Doukas said he would definitely help out again.

Megan Trincot

PROM



Michael Frick (12) and Samantha Gindl (12) went to prom and enjoyed dancing to the YMCA the best. "Afterwards, we went to Starbucks, then Round the Clock," Gindl (12) said. Photo by Anna Webber



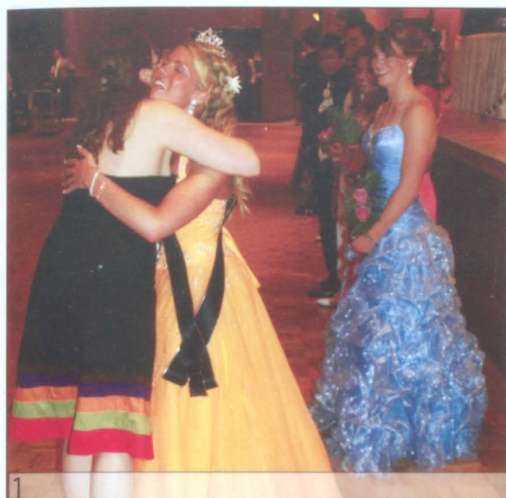
1 Bryan Komisarick (Wheeler '10), Katie Sexton (12), Kaitlyn Galka (12), Alex Quilici (12) and Kevin Corider (Ball State University) dance at the Halls of St. George. The group headed to Chicago after the dance ended. Photo by Anna Webber

2 Mrs. Arlene Rybicki, substitute, checks in Ashley Carstensen (12) and Geoff Bowman ('09). Castensen has gone to five formal dances at LC. Photo by Anna Webber

3 Mrs. Betty Samples, English, watches as Carly Rodgers (12) votes for Prom Court. The winners for King and Queen were Brittany Bencur (12) and Dylan Drever (12); Prince and Princess were Matthew Sidentopf (11) and Alyssa Kovich (11). Photo by Megan Trincot



MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE



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1 Brittany Bencur (12) shares a hug with Mrs. Sarah Verpooten, English, after being crowned Prom Queen. "I was shocked; the feeling was unreal. I never thought I would win, but it made the night so much more eventful," Bencur said. Photo by: Anna Weber

2 Mariana Escue (12) dances with her boyfriend, Mike Wachowski (Calumet High School '09). She went to Prom even after graduating at semester. Photo by: Emma Harowski

3 Jacqueline Rangel (12) and her boyfriend Rafael Nunez dance in the large crowd at Prom. The dance floor was hot and crowded until the dance ended at 11. Photo by: Anna Weber

4 Samara Candrea (12), Zachary Mullaney (12), Anissa Kovich (11) and Matthew Siedentopf (11) check-in at the Halls of St. George. The check in process was ticketless this year for the first time. Photo by: Megan Trincot

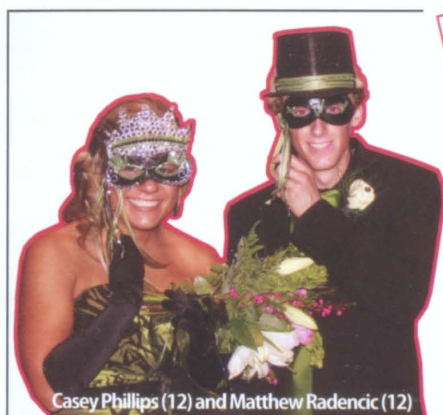
MASKING in their glory

Each couple received two masks to decorate for the dance to match its attire, and there was a competition to see who decorated its masks the best.

Casey Phillips (12) decided to spend time and money on her masks.

"I went to Jo-Ann Fabrics to get glitter, and spent a couple weeks making them," She added a bejeweled crown she made herself, and a top hat to her date, Matthew Radencic's (12), mask.

"We won 50 dollars!" Phillips (12) said.



Casey Phillips (12) and Matthew Radencic (12)



"I went with my friend Libby. We just went back to my house, and then to the movies to see *Alice in Wonderland*," Lynn Zeheralis (11) said.

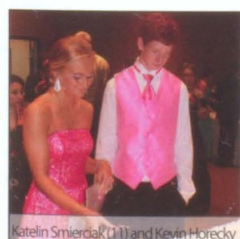


"I went to the Cheese Factory, then back to my friend's house. Then Sunday I went laser tagging and out to eat," Ryan O'Leary (12) said.



"We went to Dick's Last Resort. The next day we went to Lighthouse Mall and hung out and shopped a little bit," Kaitlyn Galka (12) said.

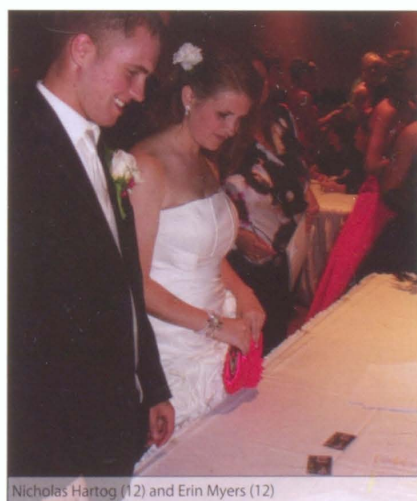
ECO-PROM



Kaitlin Smierdak (11) and Kevin Horecky



Mr. Edward Beck, Freshman Assistant Principal



Nicholas Hartog (12) and Erin Myers (12)

As new recycling cans popped up around the school this year, LC gained a new sense of ecological consciousness. A green club was implemented, and Prom brought another wave of eco-friendly ideas.

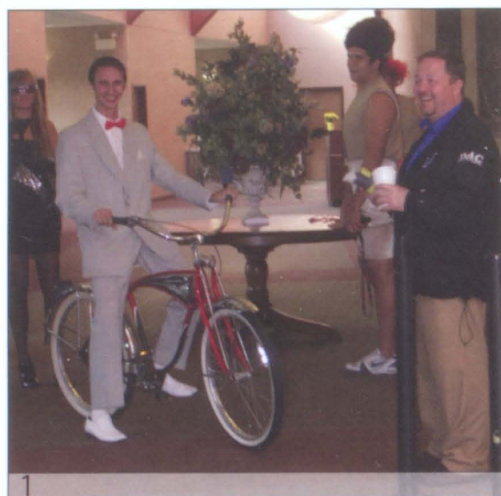
Junior Class Cabinet chose to keep Prom ticketless, saving tons of paper and making the check-in process quick and painless because Prom-goers were only required to be breathalyzed and checked off of a list.

"I like that Prom was ticketless so I did not have to worry about losing my ticket and not being able to enter," Brittany Gadus (12) said.

The end of Prom brought another eco-friendly treat when reuseable waterbottles were handed out as Prom favors. The metal bottles read "Midnight Masquerade Prom 2010."

"It was nice to receive a water bottle that I could keep and use in the future," Brittany Gadus (12) said.

"REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN."



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1 Mark Cannon (12), dressed as Pee-wee Herman, rides into senior banquet on his own Schwinn bike. Cannon won both Best Personality and Most Likely to Be Rich and Famous at the banquet. Photo by: Caitlin Kowalewski.

2 Seniors dance to "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus. The USA hand signals made an appearance at every dance this year. Photo by: Allie Mender.

3 Mrs. Sarah Verpooten, English, checks Laurel Smith (12) and James Wangercyn (12) into the dance. The two dressed as Esmerelda and Quasimodo from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Photo by: Elena Navarro.

4 Students circle as a group during Vitamin C's "Graduation (Friends Forever)." It was the last song of the evening, and seniors hugged in the middle throughout the song. Photo by: Allie Mender.



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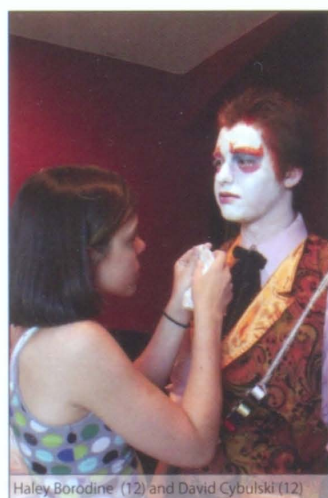


"I loved it. It was the best night of my life. I went as an eighties girl."
Brooke Corey (12)

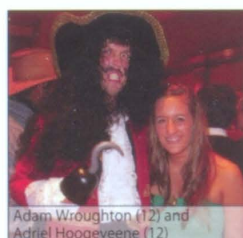


"It was one last party with all my friends before the end of the year."
Bethany Smitka (11)

GOIN' ALL OUT



Haley Borodine (12) and David Cybulski (12)



Adam Wroughton (12) and Adriel Hoozeveene (12)



Megan Larson (12), Eva Purnick (12), Erica Yothment (12) and Theodora Bairaktaris (12)

It's the day before Senior Banquet, and some seniors don't have the slightest idea what they will be, while others had been planning for months.

David Cybulski (12) and Zenon Mills (12) dressed up as the Mad Hatter and the White Rabbit, for Senior Banquet.

"[The costume required] a lot of planning and studying movie posters. Getting dressed took about 10 minutes. The makeup took almost 3 hours," Cybulski said.

Leith Hobbs (12) also planned his costume idea out in advance. "[I decided to dress up as Where's Waldo?] because I wanted to do something legendary, and I knew I could pull it off," Hobbs said.

Other students rushed the day before to find all the necessary parts of their costumes. Adam Wroughton (12) and Cameron Sweeney (12) decided to be Peter Pan and Captain Hook the night before which caused them to be rushed and settle for what they could find.

"Cameron looks goofy in tights, and it was pretty embarrassing having to ask workers where we could buy tights and then shopping through women's sections," Wroughton said.

ONE IN A MILLION



Students rise to show respect for Tyler Graves

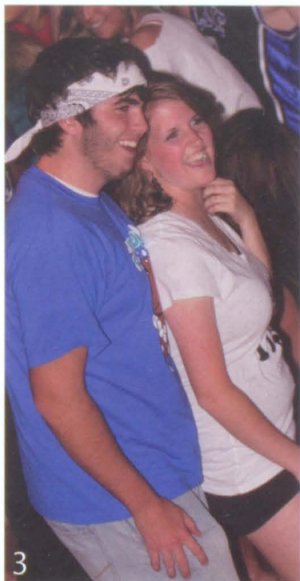
Tyler Graves leaves a cherished impression on students

"It's been almost one year without you, and I still can't believe you're gone. Senior year had been a lot of fun, but I can't help but think of how much better it would have been with you. I wish I could see your smile one last time or hear your new pickup lines every day. You were such a great friend, Ty, and I'll never forget you. I know you're in a better place... I just wish you were here. I miss and love you so much Ty. I can't wait till I can finally see you again. Nothing will ever be the same without you,"

Kate Blessing (12) said.

"Tyler was one of the best overall people that I knew. He always put other people ahead of himself and was always looking out for other people. He just had that comical aura that no matter what kind of day you had, he'd make you laugh and cheer you up. Whenever we were together, we were always joking about something. We shared some of the best memories together out on the golf course that I'll never forget. Golf will always be so much more than just a game because of him, and I'll cherish it for the rest of my life. Stay golden, Pony Boy,"

John Gruszczuk (12) said.



1 Seniors gather in the middle of the dance floor after the circle cheering in anticipation for graduation and remembering the past four years together. "It meant the end of a great time at LC for me. I was sad because everybody I know and love is going away and doing their own thing and I will miss them," Nicolas Martinez (12) said. Photo by: Allie Mender

2 Michael Flores (12), David Nathaniel Walters (12) and Tyler Mills (12) arrive as Fandango bags. They bopped up and down in a circle during part of the dance, but they took their costumes off for most of the dance. Photo by: Allie Mender

3 Erin Myers (12) and Jamen Lane (12) danced together most of the evening. Myers was one of the Tiger Woods' mistresses, and Lane was a character from Brink. Photo by: Allie Mender

LAST HOORAH

Seniors circle round

This year, as Senior Banquet wound down, groups of soon-to-be-graduating seniors put their arms around one another and started to sway, and slowly, these many small groups linked together and became one.

"I wasn't part of the circle. I was watching from the outside because I was so surprised by what was going on, seeing all the seniors who may have not gotten along or known each other at all come together at once shocked me. As the circle moved together I rushed in and joined together in the group hug," Jonathan Sommer (12) said.

Even the seniors themselves involved were shocked that the over 400 seniors in attendance could come together for that special moment.

"It made me realize that everyone really does care about each other," Alaina Rodriguez (12) said.

People started to find friends from across the giant circle, and run across to share hugs and laughs.

"I ran to my best friend Lindsey Prendergast (12); and Carlos Hernandez (12) was on the other side as well. We just hugged each other and cried together," Rodriguez said.

Emotions ran high, and the bittersweet feeling of sad endings and goodbyes and new beginnings began to set in.

"It was like a bittersweet feeling because the sweet part was that we were all excited, jumping, hugging and celebrating all the good times over the years of being together but the bitter part was that it felt as if we were breaking ties from everybody since we are all moving on in life in our own directions. But that circle of friendship will always be remembered for years to come," Barbara Racich (12) said.

Lanie Reynolds,
Katie Skura
the Editors



Seniors circle around Justin-Cory Nesbitt (12) while he dances. Nesbitt attracted attention by breakdancing in the middle of the dance floor. Photo by: Elena Navarro

SENIOR BANQUET

46 Senior Banquet awards

415 Tickets sold

\$25 Dollar tickets

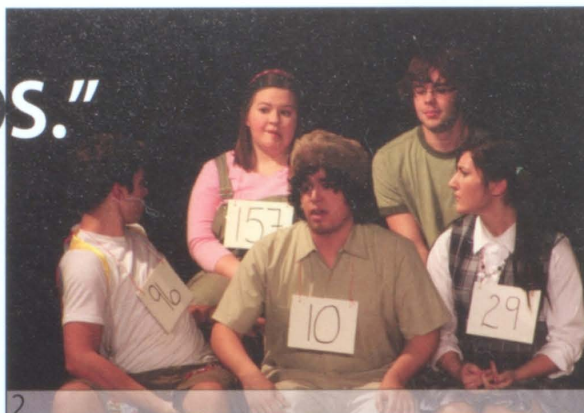
JUST THE NUMBERS

8 Months of preparation

46 Centerpieces

7 Best Costume winners

"A PLAY ON WORDS."



1 Kelly Bourget (11) and Seth Strehl (11), who played Rona Lisa Peretti and Vice Principal Douglas Panch, respectively, explains the rules for the bee. In the epilogue, Panch courted Peretti "tirelessly," until she filed a restraining order against him. Photo by: Katie Skura

2 Michael Flores (12), who plays Chip Tolentino, gazes into a beautiful audience member's eyes. Unfortunately for Chip, his "unfortunate distraction" cost him the bee. Photo by: Katie Skura

3 Chelsea Keith (12), Tyler Mills (12) and Kaitlin Westlund (11) dance during "Pandemonium." The spellers react to a audience member receiving an easy word in this song. Photo by: Michelle Sweeney

4 The cast of the spring musical perform the number "Magic Foot." The cast for this year's play was smaller than normal but they still felt they did a good job. Photo by: Katie Skura



"It was hilarious. The best play ever. Tyler Mills was amazing!"

Elaine Grimm (12)



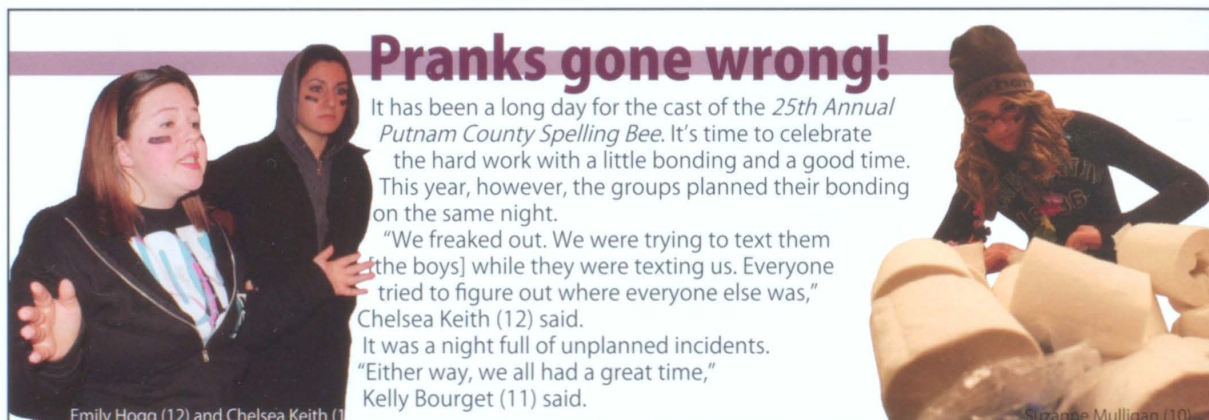
"Amazing! Easily the best show I have ever seen live!"

Jessica Lyza (11)



"The entire cast was funny! I think that everyone should come to see this, it was so amazing!"

Taylor Triemstra (10)



Pranks gone wrong!

It has been a long day for the cast of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. It's time to celebrate the hard work with a little bonding and a good time. This year, however, the groups planned their bonding on the same night.

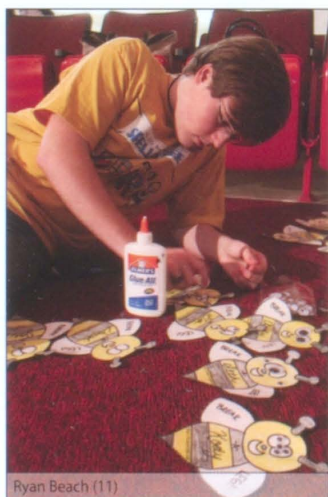
"We freaked out. We were trying to text them [the boys] while they were texting us. Everyone tried to figure out where everyone else was," Chelsea Keith (12) said.

It was a night full of unplanned incidents.

"Either way, we all had a great time," Kelly Bourget (11) said.



BEFORE THE CURTAIN RISES



Ryan Beach (11)



Grace Calderone (11)



Jessica Youngs (10)

Production for a play takes months to prepare for, before the curtain rises on opening night. Costumes need to be designed, the set needs to be built and lighting and sound need to be perfected, and these tasks don't come without their fair share of problems.

"It was hard work but it paid off. It was fun to be part of the show. Of course we had a bunch of problems, but it worked out," assistant prop master, Suzanne Mulligan (10) said.

For example, one scene in the play involves one of the characters to kick through a wooden board. The crew hoped to make the scene as real as possible by using an actual wooden board.

"It's hard to cut the board right so that you can kick through but it doesn't break before its suppose to when they are just holding it," head prop master, Evan Stahr (12) said.

For other members of the production team it was hard to make the transition from acting to working behind the scenes.

"The hardest part for me was adjusting to having a non-acting role," Victoria Morales (9) said.

In the end the crew overcame the problems and help put on a successful performance.

SPRING MUSICAL

Emily Hogg (12), Michael Flores (12), Tyler Mills (12), Kaitlin Westlund (11), Brian Bandura (10) and Chelsea Keith (12) make up part of the cast for the spring play *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. The play was about a unique group of characters that came together during an unusual spelling bee. Photo by Michelle Sweeney



1 Brian Bandura (10), Kaitlin Westlund (11), Tyler Mills (12), Chelsea Keith (12), Emily Hogg (12) and Michael Flores (12) are doing the "Magic Foot." Tyler Mills, who played William Barfee, used his "magic foot" during the bee to spell words infallibly. Photo by Katie Skura

2 Anthony Perez (10) plays Carl Grubinerre. "I am the father of Katie Westlund's character (Logainne). I am very strict and controlling, especially toward my daughter. I will do anything to see her win," Perez said. Photo by Katie Skura

3 Brian Bandura (10) sings a solo part during "I'm Not That Smart." "I play Leaf Coneybear. He is homeschooled and isn't used to people. He also has a bad case of ADD," Bandura said. Photo by Katie Skura



SMALL BUT MIGHTY

Is more truly always merrier?

What do you get when you cross a rare mucus membrane disorder, seven foreign languages, ADD, ex-convicts and disgruntled principles? Well, for one thing, the characters of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

The musical was smaller than normal this year. But the cast is looking on the bright side of things and feel that having a small cast couldn't be better.

"Our cast this year was very small. Normally, musical casts have 30 to 40 people; we had 18," Chelsea Keith (12), who played Marcy Park in the play, said.

So what are the advantages and disadvantages of having a small cast? On one hand there are fewer people around to help out, either to help tech or just to have someone there to back you up. If there were to be any problems on set, there are only a limited number of people there to help solve the problem.

"There are always little things that may happen," Brian Bandura (10) said.

Also, you could be spending up to 20 hours a week with the same people.

"The hardest part of being in the play is the time commitment, for example, for everyone having rehearsal from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.," Michael Flores (12) said.

But on the other hand spending the long, extra hours with the same people gives you a chance to grow close to them. Giving you a chance to become a family, and share great moments together.

"It's a very small cast this year but I feel we are very close because of it," Bandura said.

Also with having a small cast, it becomes easier to get along with people and get to know one another.

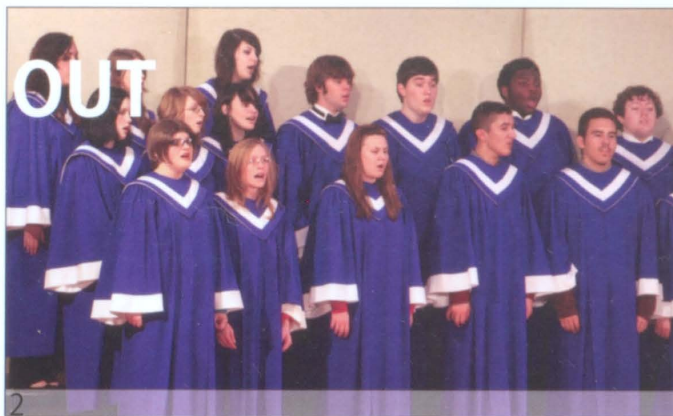
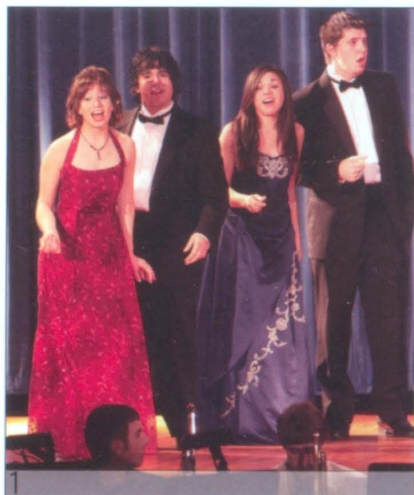
"This cast was extremely small so it was fairly easy to get to know one another. With a small cast, it's easier to build friendships that will last forever," Anthony Perez (10), who played both Carl Grubinerre, said.

Regardless of the advantages or disadvantages of having a small cast, the members of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* say they have had an amazing time working together.

& Kim Feder
Jacquelyn Brazzale

17 Cast members | 5 Performances | 18 Musical numbers | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 5 Months of production | 16 Sponsors | 13 Seniors involved in the musical

SING YOUR HEART OUT



1 Jennifer Sitko (11), Michael Flores (12), Jillian Egipciano (12), and David Nathaniel Walters (12) sing during the winter concert. They are members of Counterpoints, who dress-up for performances during the holiday season. Photo by Lani Castaneda

2 The Varsity Choir sings at the Winter Concert. It's the first concert that a student joins when joining choir. Photo by Jen Gamboa

3 Bells III plays at the Winter Concert. Their set list included "Carol of the Bells." Photo by Jen Gamboa

4 An ensemble for ISSMA preform their state-winning song. None of the boys had competed in ISSMA until this song. Photo by Trish Tornicasa



"The songs are much harder and more complicated because there are a lot of meter changes [in Bells III]."

Michelle Unhock (11)



"The songs are more advanced [in Bells II]. I like it even more because my best friend is in my class."

Laura Mills (10)



"The teacher is way different in Bells I [compared to the middle school Bells teacher]. It's harder, but fun at the same time."

Elizabeth Mettache (9)

BEING IN CHARGE



Kristen Flens (11) and Benjamin Ballas (12)



Kristen Flens (11)

While most band students spend their high school band careers playing and improving in an instrument, Kristen Flens (11), along with eight other students, decided to expand her musical talents even further by becoming a student conductor.

"I was a student conductor last year," Flens said. "I thought it would be fun to be one again."

Flens did not simply become a student conductor the moment she decided that she wanted to be one.

"Mr. Harmon, made a list of everyone who wanted to try out. We each conducted a corale with the band, and then the students voted for the top five people," Flens said.

Once she was chosen, Flens practiced her piece with the band and then conducted it at the January 12 concert.

"I love the fact that I was conducting at a concert with an audience instead of just for a rehearsal, and I liked how I was able to control how the band played and see the changes," Flens said.

As a successful flute player and a student conductor, Kristen Flens has worked to build her musical experience in high school.



Kristen Flens (11) and Wind Ensemble

Performing for a different crowd

"I get hired to sing and play the flute at funerals, weddings, and other get-togethers. Music is the biggest part of my life. It gives me a chance to really express who I am. I started writing my own music when I was 10,"

Carolyn Foltman (10) said.

"I play my flute at my church. I play at several masses on Sundays and for holidays. I also play in a flute choir. We do small holiday and summer concerts. I play to make others happy and hope they find the music in themselves,"

Elizabeth McClain (12) said.



1 Bells 1 plays at their Winter Wconcert. They wore holiday headbands and hats for the occasion. Photo by: Lars Castaneda

2 Kenneth Whittle (10) announces a song during the Winter Concert. "Nine students conducted songs and they each announced someone else's piece before they conducted it," Whittle said. Photo by: Emma Harowski

3 Jacob Egli (12) plays timpani during the winter band concert. Egli was playing "In His Grace." Photo by: Emma Harowski



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IN TUNE GETTING TOGETHER

Band finds the key to success in their winter concert

On December 3, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band joined together to perform their Winter Concert. Some band students recognized that the rehearsals were difficult, but they believed that their concert was successful in the end.

"People stressed out during Concert Band rehearsals because they would mess up notes and get called out by Mr. [Christopher] Harmon, (Band Director)," Steven Roviario (11) said.

Luis Oswaldo Ramirez (12) was also a part of concert band. He shared Roviario's belief about practices.

"Mr. Harmon taught me a lot, but he was a bit harsh on my trombone section," Ramirez said.

He recognized that without his stern directing, though, the concert would not have been as successful.

"It's really cool to see your hard work please so many people and pay off," Ramirez said.

When it came time for the concert, the students were excited to show what they had learned.

"My favorite part of performing is being in front of an audience and giving nothing but the best," Benjamin Ballas (12) said.

Roviario was also pleased with the performance.

"What pleased me about the concert was how amazing we played the songs," Roviario said.

Ballas thought that the concert went smoothly as a result of the band's ability to work as a team.

"We adjusted to each other if we started to sound out of tune. Once we adjusted, we played with much more confidence," Ballas said.

When the standing ovation came after the finale, the students of band concert realized how rewarding their troubles had been.

"It was an amazing way to end my band career," Ramirez said.

As the students prepared for their next concerts, they hoped that their teamwork would help to lead them to another successful concert.

& Megan Lynch
Lucas Rey



Benjamin Ballas (12), Luis Oswaldo Ramirez (12), Matthew Schneider (11) and Steven Roviario (11) bask in the audience's applause. They finished the December third concert with a standing ovation. Photo by: Emma Harowski

CONCERTS

4 Band concerts

9 Student conductors

9124 Band room number

JUST THE NUMBERS

1 Band department

2 Band teachers

\$5.00 For band concert tickets

PRACTICE PAYS OFF



1 Meghan Bednarek (9) stands still while waiting for the cue to start the routine. The color guard practices every day along with the band, because they are both the components that make up the Tribe of Pride. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

2 The tenor drum, snare, and the bass drum make up the drumline. "We had to get muscles in our backs to get used to it, because the [tenor drum] sits on our shoulders. They're really heavy," White said. Photo by: Emma Harowski

3 The low reeds work on their performance ability and footwork. The Marching Band ran through a dress rehearsal for the competition that weekend. Photo by: Allie Mender

4 John White (10), Joseph Turman (11), and Alexander Plys (11) drum to the beat of *The Journey Within*, the show for state finals. They practiced for three hours every day after school. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak



"I like Marching Band better than Concert Band because it presents a challenge everyday," Kayla Mills (11) said.



"I think Marching Band is better than Concert Band, because there is no seen difference in grades," Christopher Zolp (9) said.

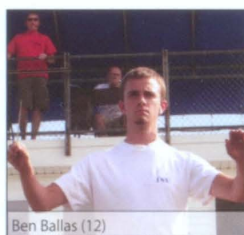


"I like colorguard better than Concert Band because even after marching season is over, you still get to perform," Samantha Andrews (9) said.

TAKING THE LEAD



Jessica Bouma (11)



Ben Ballas (12)



Mr. Chris Harmon

Being a drum major is not always a piece of cake. It takes more than just the down, in, out, up pattern to keep the group in sync.

This was Jessica Bouma's (11) first year conducting. In order for her to become a drum major, she had to write a paper, show her skills and that she could keep a steady beat.

"I had to do a creative project, in which I created a slideshow showing past band years," Bouma said.

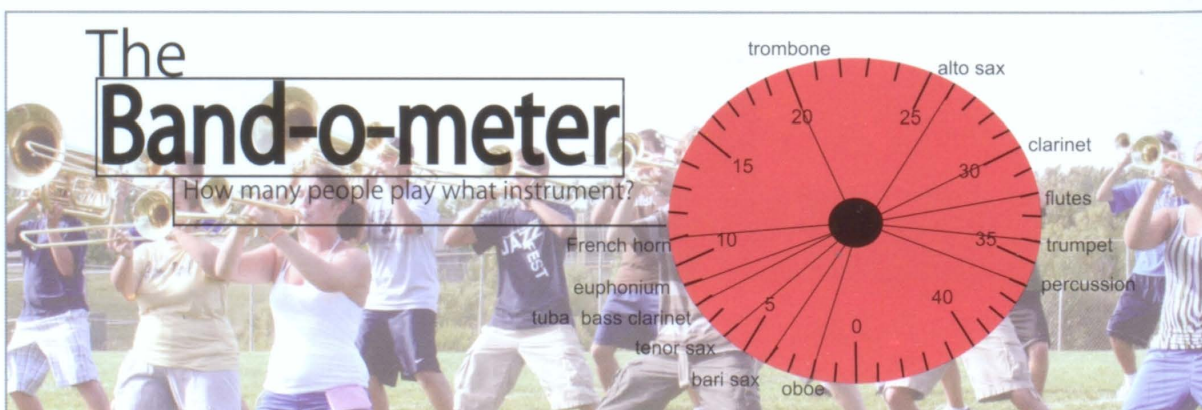
Not only does Bouma conduct, but she also consistently plays five instruments: violin, flute, piano, oboe and alto sax.

"It was nerve-wracking at first, but then it became just a practice," Bouma said.

Benjamin Ballas (12) also is one of the drum majors. He has been a drum major for two years, and plans to pursue music through college by majoring in music education.

Though there are long hours of practice every day, it's worth "feeling the energy of the crowd at performances as they cheer us on," Ballas said.

When asked what to say to the freshmen who aspire to be in his position, Ballas said, "It is a very difficult position at times, but if you are dedicated to what you do, then you will go far."





1 Breanna Walton (11) practices the clarinet to prepare for the show *The Journey Within*. "Everyone worked hard to achieve the high goals we set for ourselves," Walton said. Photo by: Emma Harowski

2 Luis Oswaldo Ramirez (12) takes a bow after his solo for concert band. Ramirez played the trumpet for the special night. Photo by: Emma Harowski

3 The Marching Band stands in resting position during a dress rehearsal. They spent many days practicing, rain or shine, in preparation for week-end competitions. Photo by: Allie Mender



At an after school practice in the fall, Madeleine Carlson (10) practices tossing her flag for the ISSMA Regional Competition held at Chesterton High School. "That weekend was our first show, so we were nervous," said Carlson. Photo by: Emma Harowski

PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY

Band theme teaches students to look within themselves

You know someone is good when they can make whatever they're doing look easy. For the Tribe of Pride, gallons of sweat and hours of hard work are what it takes to impress the judges.

"We practiced three hours everyday after school for our show, *The Journey Within*," Breanna Walton (11) said.

Walton plays the clarinet. She has been in band for three years and plans to do it her senior year.

John White (10) is part of the drumline and plays the tenor drum.

"We get some good tanlines from the harnesses. They're really heavy," White said.

The Tribe of Pride's theme for the 2009 show is *The Journey Within*. It was about the "journey one takes from something that's horrific to something that's positive,"

Mr. Christopher Harmon, Music, said.

Their performance took them to the ISSMA State Championships at Indianapolis, where they took 10th place.

"I was honored to be there, and they had a great performance," Harmon said.

Then, at the BOA Indianapolis Regionals, the Tribe of Pride placed 8th. Though the season may have been a disappointment to some, to others, it was the experience of being there that made it all worth while.

"It's hard to make it to state, so the fact that we were there was an honor, also," Harmon said.

The fact that most kids in band are close and have bonded together for some time has definitely helped the band as a whole.

The Tribe of Pride is always looked at as a group, but it is each person within this group that makes the band. Even though they may not always achieve the goals they would like to, they have the attitude to pull together to better themselves for next year.

When asked what made his senior year memorable, Benjamin Ballas, band major, said, "I became more confident of myself."

From the days and months of practice, the band can call this year a learning experience.

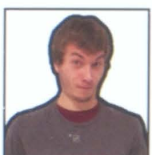
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BAND & COLOR GUARD

85 Charts for the band to memorize | 13 Main instrument groups | JUST THE NUMBERS | 3 Instructors | 60 Students in wind ensemble | 91 Lockers in band room



"I'm not going to lie; I was afraid, but after it was over, everyone said they loved it, so I was pretty excited," Dylan Drever (12) said.

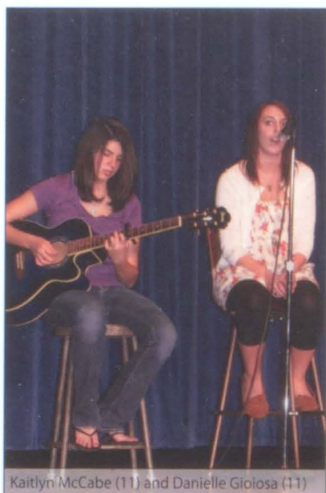


"Ever since I was a little boy, I knew I wanted to be hosting Lake Central's Talent Show. It was my chosen destiny," Phillip Foreman (12) said.



"I think it was a great opportunity to be myself. I'm really glad we did it and wish I could relive that night again," Mark Cannon (12) said.

KAITLYN MCCABE



Kaitlyn McCabe (11) and Danielle Gioiosa (11)



Of the 43 participants in the Talent Show, five were in two acts, but only one was in three acts. This was Kaitlyn McCabe (11).

McCabe was in her band, Sunday @ Two and played "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne and "In Too Deep" by Sum 41. She also did a solo and played "Bari Improv" by Kaki King from the movie *August Rush*. Her third act was accompanying Danielle Gioiosa (11) on the guitar for the song "Bubbly" by Colbie Caillat.

Although she played only the guitar in the Talent Show, McCabe plays more instruments. She plays the piano, guitar, bass and marimba.

"At first I played just piano, then my parents asked me if I wanted to learn guitar because they knew that I was interested," McCabe said.

She has been playing the guitar for eight years and she is still dedicated to playing it.

"I play it whenever I get the chance, which is usually every day," McCabe said.

Everyone has their own reasons for doing the talent show.

"I wanted to show people what I could do, and being in an all girl band and playing slap guitar isn't something you see every day," McCabe said.

JOSHUA GATLIN

He performed his original songs, "Driving Down 30" and "Get It In" at the talent show. He has been writing and performing for almost 11 years and has 7 composition books filled front to back with songs. At the Talent Show, attendees started singing along with his song "Driving Down 30."

See if you can fill in the missing words to the chorus

"Driving down 30 _____ lane to lane.

I turn my music up a lil' bit I'm _____ it bang.

I got my _____ down (down),
Rolling through your _____ (_____)
And you know I came through to
show you how I get down (ok)"

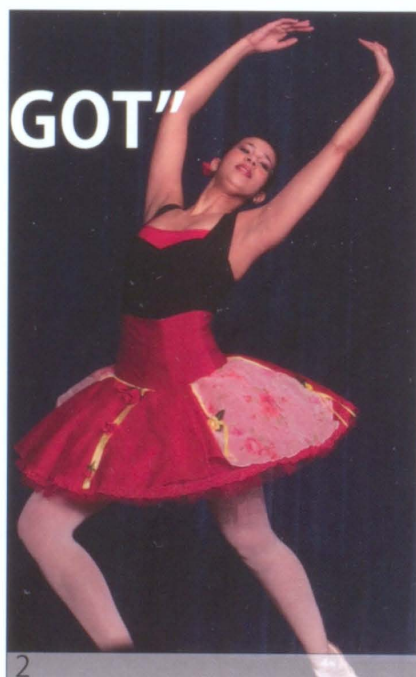


ANSWERS: moving, lettin', windows, town, town

"SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT"



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1. Miqan Scaife (12) dances to a medley of Michael Jackson songs at the Talent Show on Friday, April 30. "I chose to do so because it was suggested to me by Mrs. [Kim] Beach and I can't say no to Mrs. Beach," Scaife said. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

2. Rebecca Garcia (11) dances ballet to "El Tango de Roxanne" at the Talent Show. "I chose that song because it is more interesting than traditional ballet," Garcia said. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

3. Joelle Opyt (12) sings with Sarah Scott (11) and David Nathaniel Walters (12) on the piano at rehearsal. "I did the Talent Show because I have wanted to do it for four years and finally had the courage this year," Opyt said. Photo by: Michelle Sweeney

4. Mrs. Kim Beach, English, sells a ticket to the Talent Show to Kerri Clark (12). The tickets were sold after school Monday through Thursday the week of the show. Photo by: Michelle Sweeney

TALENT SHOW



Phillip Foreman (12), Charles Evans (12), Mark Cannon (12) and Jacob Egli (12) stand on stage at the end of the show. Foreman and Cannon were two of the hosts, and Evans and Egli were members of the winning band Jake and the Eggmen plus Kristen. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

TEENAGE WASTELAND

Five boys play a classic song, but with a new twist

The first step to performing at the Talent Show is auditioning. Then, if it's a musical act, picking out the song, rehearsing and picking out what outfit to wear, and finally, lots of glow-in-the-dark paint. Wait, what?

"The idea originated one night at my house when I said we should wear Christmas lights when my sister suggested glow-in-the-dark spray paint, and it evolved from there," Patrick Biancardi (11) said.

We decided to wear these [glow-in-the-dark] outfits because we knew that we needed an extra edge on the competition. We musically sounded good, but if we wanted to go all the way we had to have the stage show as well."

The five boys chose "Baba O' Riley" by The Who for their song. The outfits were complete with crazy colors and tie-dye-like designs.

"We researched it and Patrick, Charlie, and I picked everything up. It took two days. I spray painted all of the clothes in different designs. I was actually surprised at how well they turned out," Robert Eveland (11) said.

We weren't sure if everything would end up working out with the black lights but apparently it turned out great. I knew that we were glowing because the crowd was getting rowdy and cheering even before we started playing so that was a good sign. We had a lot of fun with everything."

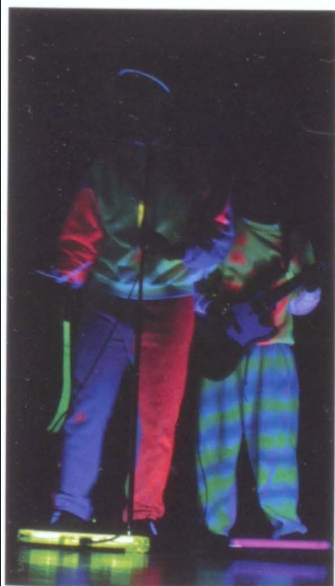
When the act started, the lights in the auditorium were off. The boys came out glowing. They began their song, the lights turned back on; and for the last stretch of the famous Who hit, the lights were shut off again.

"We wore them so that we would stand out, and to help put on a better show. It made us feel pretty cool," Charles Evans (12) said.

The outfits seemed to add the extra edge that the band needed to win. Greenstone won the grand prize at the talent show.

"It was an honor to receive both grand prize and first prize for the two acts that I participated in, though it is only a prize. I am just thankful for having had the chance to perform with many talented musicians and good friends," Jacob Egli (12) said.

Michelle Sweeney

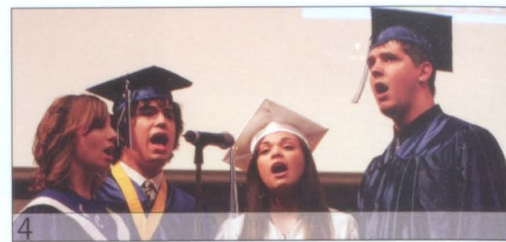
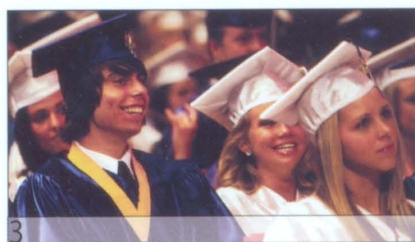
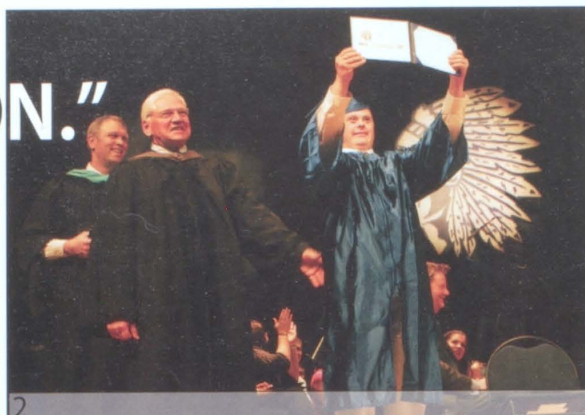
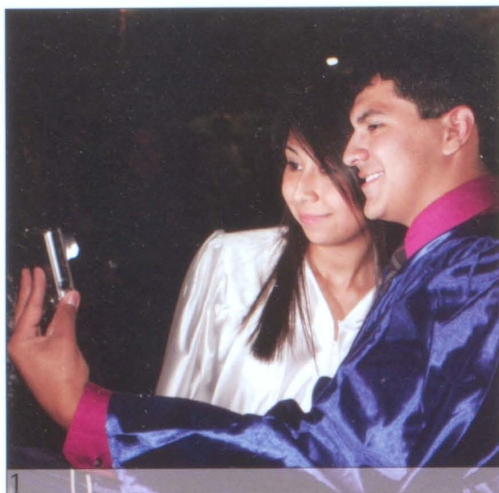


1 Charles Evans (12) and Patrick Biancardi (11) of the band Greenstone, perform at the Talent Show. The band sang "Baba O' Riley" by The Who. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

2 Grand prize-winner Greenstone members Patrick Biancardi (11) and Samuel Evans (11) perform on stage. The two boys and the rest of the band wore outfits covered with glow-in-the-dark spray paint. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

3 Cecilia Lai (11) plays the piano and sings at the talent show. Lai sang "Only Hope" by Mandy Moore. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

"AS WE GO ON."



- 1 Melinda Lopez (12) and Emilio Gazca (12) take a photo together after graduation was over. Students stayed over an hour at the Star Plaza to take photos together. Photo by: Giola's Photography
- 2 Interim Principal Mr. Sean Begley and John DeVries, School Board member, hand a diploma to Justin Frank (12). Frank danced on stage after receiving his diploma. Photo by: Caitlin Kowalewski
- 3 Thomas Bandura (12) Alisha Auer (12) smile during the diploma ceremony. Handing out diplomas took approximately one hour. Photo by: Giola's Photography
- 4 Jennifer Sitko (11), Michael Flores (12), Jillian Egipciaco (12) and David Nathaniel Walters (12) sing during the ceremony. Counterpoints sang "Lean on Me" and "Trashin' the Camp." Photo by: Giola's Photography



"Sam Tarrant's speech [was my favorite moment of the ceremony.] It truly related to all of us," Mariyah Balthis (12) said.



"[My favorite part of graduation] was Grant's speech. I thought it was intelligent and witty," Bethany Smitka (12) said.



"I think my favorite part was seeing all of my friends and being able to reflect on all we had accomplished over the past four years," Devin Moore (12)

CLASS CABINET GOODBYES



Lessie Reeves (12)



Samantha Tarrant (12)



Nikolina Ajder (12) and Milana Katic (12)

At graduation, Senior Class Cabinet officers and sponsor, Mrs. Joan Loden, Mathematics, shared their thoughts and words to the entire class. These are some of the things they said.

"As the four years have passed, it's obvious that friendships have formed. Hold on to them and always remember the last dance at senior banquet," Nikolina Ajder (12) said.

"To my senior class, no matter where you go, always remember where you came from. Never forget the memories, they're the only thing that will keep the class of 2010 alive," Samatha Tarrant (12) said.

"Sure, this is the end of an era, and that's a shame, but now, finally, we're going to start our real lives. Now it's time to shed who we thought we were so we can all become who we aspire to be. High school was great, but now it's time to begin the end of our lives. So good luck, it's all downhill from here," Milana Katic (12) said.

"Class of 2010: 'Best of Luck' to you in the future! Remember to always work hard, try your best and treat others the way you want to be treated. For every negative in your life, counter it with a positive!" Loden said.

Indian Blessing

Instead of reading the original Irish Blessing, Mrs. Platt created an LC tradition: the Indian Blessing

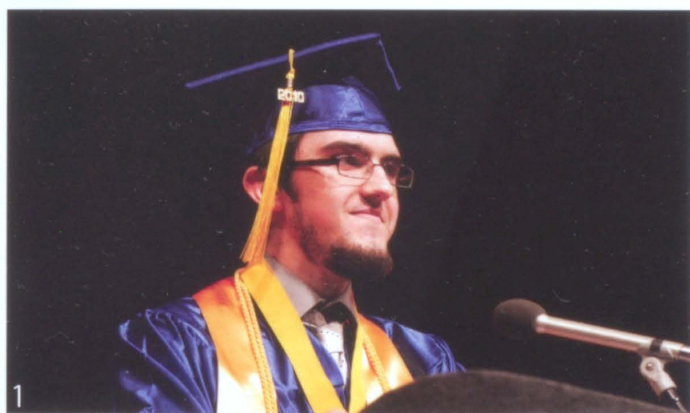
"May the path rise up to meet you,
May the rains fall easily upon your hand,
May your maize grow taller than your neighbors',
May your Pocahontas look like Jessica Simpson
and your Squanto like Johnny Depp,
May your constitution stand for life, liberty, respect, and dignity,
May your pony be swift, but steady afoot, and have MANY airbags,
May your ponds be filled with Swedish fish,
May you build your teepee of brick not straw,
May your children grow tall and be brilliant like me,
And until we meet in that great burial ground,
May the gods hold you in the palms of their hands."



GRADUATION



Alberto Trejo (12) receives his diploma at graduation, held at the Star Plaza. The ceremony lasted two hours and seven minutes. Photo by: Giola's Photography



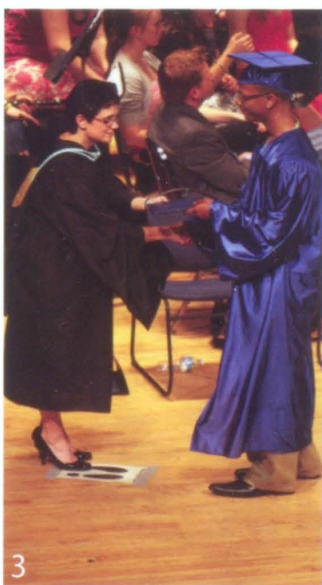
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1 Grant McCormack (12) gives his Salutatorian address. In the speech he mentioned Ninja, "The Game," and *Bob the Builder*. Photo by: Caitlin Kowaleski

2 Erin Myers (12) gives her Valedictorian address. She spoke about John Decker (11) and his fight against cancer. Photo by: Giola's Photography

3 Joshua Gatlin (12) receives his diploma from Mrs. Val Lozanoski, School Board member. Gatlin is attending Columbia college with an interest in pursuing music. Photo by: Elenna Navarro



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LOST THE GAME

Top two give their speeches

"Thanks to our friends and classmates, the friendships we have made throughout high school have given us many reasons to be appreciative. Our friends have been there through the good times and the bad times these past four years. With the help of our friends, we can go confidently into the future knowing we will always have the support of our friends.

We have had all of these incredible people in our lives to inspire us up to this point, so what can we be inspired by tonight? On graduation many people look for inspiration outside, but as I look around, I see inspiration here among us tonight.

Personally, I am inspired by my fellow graduates, such as Libby Kapocius. A couple of weeks ago, Libby participated in Relay for Life, while walking with a crutch... despite having a knee injury, Libby pushed forward to help a great cause.

Other Lake Central students have overcome adversity too. John Decker has been fighting leukemia, and he has shown courage every step of the way. LC is filled with inspiring students like Libby and John who rise above challenges and succeed every day. The strength and determination found among LC students never ceases to amaze me." **Erin Myers (12)**

"I find it almost impossible to believe that I knew some people when they were only three or so feet tall. I can still remember that first day of kindergarten, sitting alone at the white oval table, but we quickly met friends. Now we might not have realized it then, but we were meeting the people who would be there for all those memories that would make us laugh, cry, and shake our heads asking ourselves, 'Why?' The memories that we'd never forget.

But you know... looking back, I'm finding it hard to pick just one solid memory for an example. Dances, strange lunch talk, Ninja, road trips, games after school, playing 'The Game' - they're all great memories. And it doesn't matter how many times we say we're ready to graduate because we'll always remember the people who helped make those memories. And we're never going to give these memories up or let our friends down. It might seem like we're running around to desert them, but we'd never wanna make them cry, even when we say goodbye, because it'd be a lie to say we want to hurt them. With this last summer of high school, the relationships we've built will become more important than ever. We'll want our friendships and memories to last." **Grant McCormack (12)**

8 Anna Weber
the editors

what we do practice compete

SPORTS

the facts

675 athletic events between
August 19 and June 3
18 varsity cheerleaders
37 girls soccer players
27 boys tennis players
29 boys cross country runners
01 Indian

Nothing says high school like the sports. It's just tradition. For the athletes who play them, it matters. And for the fans that care, we wear blue and white to show that we do.

The games can be chaotic. The fans at the soccer, football and basketball games are what make them unique. Fans defend our players, on and off our turf.

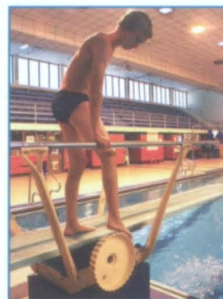
Our Indian can be found in the front row of the student section, leading chants and rallies and occasionally waving the LC flag. Everyone at the game does their own part in motivating the team. The cheerleaders entertain the student section with elaborate stunts and tumbling. Driving down US-41, it is impossible to miss us at Homecoming, all of us at the football field, screaming blue and cheering white.

In some way, whether we play or cheer or entertain, together, we are LC. Our sports stand testament to our dedication and our undying school spirit, day in and day out. It's just how we play.

the editors

"What makes this year different are the hours spent together on and off the boards. We're all pretty close," Michael Majchrowicz (11) said. As for his favorite dive, Majchrowicz likes the 301 because it's "so eloquent" and one of more consistent dives. To Majchrowicz, there's "nothing like the feeling of completing a successful dive." But, what makes a dive successful? Divers are scored on a basis of how well they enter the water and their form within the dive. "There's a lot of prepping that goes into diving. There's a lot to take into consideration," Majchrowicz said.

Photo by: Katie Westlund



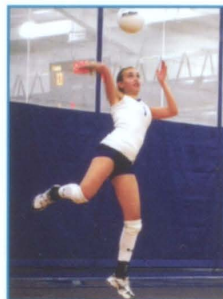
"Being on the Lake Central football team for the first year was very exciting because the freshmen team had a winning season. We had great coaches and we played together as a true team, although we thought we could do better," David Yancey (9) said. Yancey runs with the ball down field in a game against Crown Point. He was a member of the freshmen football team this year. "When we become juniors and seniors, our plan is to bring football back to LC," Yancey said.

Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak



Sarah Anderson (10) serves a ball at a match on August 20. Anderson is a setter on the girls varsity volleyball team. She, as only a sophomore, has been a member of the varsity volleyball team for two years. But even as a young member of a team with mostly upperclassmen, Anderson said she never felt it was hard to fit in or get along with the girls. "I'm going to miss Alyssa Boyle (12). She's really funny, and I always have fun with her," Anderson said.

Photo by: Rachel Giese



THE MIND

"Cross country is first and foremost a mental sport. No matter how conditioned or strengthened a runner becomes, they will feel pain and it's up to the mental focus to keep moving," Hicock said.

THE HEART

"Runners, on average, develop thousands of extra capillaries to make it easier for us to supply our muscles with the oxygen they need," Eric Hicock (11) said.

THE LEGS

"We strengthen our legs and prepare them for races by running upwards of 50 miles a week. Workouts may be designed to build up our lactic acid tolerance or distance runs to get our legs used to running for long periods of time with no rest," Hicock said.



workout



Eric Hickok (11) runs to the finish line in a race against Crow.



Joel Mance (12) and Thomas Cameron (10) skate across the rink. "My best goal was scoring the game-winning goal against Crown Point with eight seconds left," Mance said. This year, Mance plays center and is captain of the team. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly



Mitchell Ackerman (10) duels with Crown Point. Ackerman plays stopper for the JV soccer team. "Our team works really hard year round," Ackerman said. The soccer team weightlifts and conditions every day in the off season to prepare for the following season. Photo by: Danielle Giorola



"For swimming we practice twice a day, once in the morning, and once after school," Jill Tharp (10) said. Just one after-school practice consists of lifting and swimming. Tharp, a varsity swimmer, swims the 100 breast stroke. Her best time on her swim being one minute, 11 seconds. Photo by: Katie Skura

FOLLOW THE LEADERS

Senior leadership keeps legacy alive

Every team needs leadership, someone to set an example and do what needs to be done. This year, the senior cross country runners really showed what leadership was about.

"They [the seniors] pushed me at workouts," Anna Kacius (11) said.

Even the younger members of the team looked to the seniors for support and advice.

"Dana [Payonk (12)] would always tell me it [running] was going to hurt, so why stop, the pain only lasts for a little bit," Amanda Onest (9) said.

The seniors knew they would be looked at as role models and didn't shy away from their duties on the team. They knew if they didn't show the leadership that was necessary, the team wouldn't succeed. It was their job to set the standard.

"I just wanted to make sure they had a positive role model. I led by example," Megan Dunn (12) said.

Teammates could always be counted on for a good pep talk.

"[During] talks before the meets the upperclassmen would give advice about how to handle the upcoming meet," Payonk said.

With a new head coach this year, senior leadership seemed even more important than before to keep traditions running.

"They were leaders, role models for the rest of the girls. They had experience,

which was vital for success," head coach Miss Amy Nimetz, Physical Education, said.

Great leadership can take a team to new heights. This year the seniors took the team all the way to state.

"We had a lot of things going against us. The course was really muddy, and it was a really tough course that day. We got 15th, which wasn't our goal place, but we were happy with it considering all the things we had to overcome that day," Jill Tharp (10) said.

Even though this is the seniors' last year, their leadership will be passed down to the younger girls. Kacius hopes that next year, she, along with the other junior runners, will be able to step up and fill the void that will be left after this year.

"Hopefully, I can fill their shoes next year. It'll be harder to get those first place races. We'll have something to aim for," Kacius said.

The older runners are not the only ones that realize that there will be large shoes to fill next year. Freshman varsity runners are also feeling the pressure and know that there are high expectations.

"The younger people on the team have to step up," Halle Willis (9) said.

"For next year, we'll have to work really hard to keep our LC legacy going. But I think with hard work, we can do it," Tharp said.

Leadership, combined with great teamwork can make the girls unstoppable.

"I think we're going to be extremely successful next season," Nimetz said.

& Jacquelyn Brazzale
Katrina Burgos

Kaitlyn Herrmann (11) competes against a Crown Point runner at a home meet. This was her first year on Varsity. Photo by: Leilani Cacumeda





girls XC



1 Amanda Onest (9) nears the end of a race against DAC rivals, Chesterton and La Porte. As a freshman Onest faced a new level of competition. Photo by: Katie Skura

2 Dana Payonk (12) leads not only the race but the team as well. Payonk placed second at state. Photo by: Emily DeMario

3 Tired but determined, Anna Kacius (11) and Megan Plenus (12) push forward during a meet. Kacius and Plenus help set examples for their teammates. Photo by: Katie Skura

4 At the starting line, runners lunge forward, and start their watches at the beginning of the race. They competed against Crown Point. Photo by: Katie Skura

5 Kaitlyn Herrmann (11) leads her teammates in a meet in September against La Porte. The team would go on to win the meet. Photo by: Katie Skura

RUNNER

NOT JUST A Something special attracts athletes to cross country. It could be the dedication running demands, or it could be the fact that running is one of the best forms of exercise. But as for most sports, sometimes athletes just love what they do.

"Running is so unexplainable. It's a love/hate relationship," Kaitlyn Herrmann (11) said. Herrmann has made it a long way while on the cross coun-

try team. This is her first year making top 12.

"Overall, cross country is a great sport to be a part of, and I really enjoy being on the team," Herrmann said.

She also works hard for school and a part time job.

"So between that, school, homework and practice, I just hang out with my friends whenever I can because I enjoy doing that most," Herrmann said.



Sarah Zajac (11) crosses the finish line during a meet. Assistant coach Mrs. Ann Downey stood at her side, ready to record the girls' times. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund

"They were leaders, role models for the rest of the girls. They had experience, which was vital for success," head coach Amy Nimetz said.

DON'T STOP BELIEVING

"The day before the race, our coaches took us in a classroom and were pumping us up. Our assistant coach handed out bells that didn't ring. When asking what we heard, we said nothing and she said she heard 'a regional championship.' She'd gotten the idea from the Polar Express where the only people who can hear the bells are the people who believe in Santa Claus. She got us all to believe we could win the meet even when every other team and all the newspapers thought there was no chance of it happening. The next day before and during our race, the girls not running and parents and friends rang the bells at us shouting 'Do you hear it? We believe!' We won the meet by one point," Dana Payonk (12) said.



From left to right: Jill Tharp (10), Megan Plenus (12), Shelby Carroll (10) & Anna Kacius (11)

15th Place at state

3 Seniors

1 New coach

12 Runners

JUST THE NUMBERS

7-1 Record

6 Away meets

3 Freshmen

1 State runner

MEET TO REMEMBER

Boys made their mark at Culver Invite

In the weeks marking the end of boys cross country, nothing summed up the season more than the events that took place on September 26 at the Culver Invite.

The Culver Invite happens every year, but this time around was especially memorable for the boys. The trouble began on the bus ride to Culver when the team discovered that the freshmen forgot to put the water cooler on the bus. The rest of the boys were angry but decided later they would have their revenge.

"We were pretty happy with how everyone ran. It was a good race overall," Jacob Ponton (12) said.

The boys placed 14th as a team, and several of the boys placed in the top 100. But the real events of the day took place after the meet, when the boys held a cookout by the Culver lakeside.

"It was just fun having the whole team there and having some of the alumni there too. It brought back a lot of good memories. It was a good note to leave on," Efrain Flores (12) said.

After the food, the boys had something even better planned. The team manager, Randall Trembacki (10), and the senior boys had a few surprises in store for Assistant Coach Jeffrey Rhody.

"Since I was a manager I got a shirt that looked like [Rhody's]. I told Rhody I was just like him, and he said in no way shape or form

would I ever be like him. I took that as a challenge," Trembacki said.

Trembacki dressed up completely like Rhody. As Trembacki distracted Rhody with his disguise, Ponton and Flores put their plan into action.

"I tried [the plan] my freshman year, and it didn't go so well. I couldn't finish out my senior year without dumping water on Rhody," Flores said.

And he didn't. The boys snuck up behind Rhody and poured the entire cooler full of water on his head. And then they took off at full speed.

"I wasn't afraid because Rhody didn't know I was in on it," Trembacki said, "But that had to be the fastest I've ever seen Jake and Efrain run."

Ponton and Flores finally returned.

After Rhody cooled off, so did the rest of the team as they all jumped into the lake, a yearly tradition at the Culver Invite. The boys had fun pushing teammates, especially the freshmen, into the water, their revenge.

"Pretty much everyone jumped in by themselves and then people pushed them back in when they were getting out. It was a battle on the deck," Trembacki said.

Soaking wet with smiles on their faces, the boys wouldn't forget their success and the fun they had this season.

8 Alexea Candreva
Stephanie St. Amour

Christopher Jelewski (12) finishes at the meet against Chesterton and Lowell. The meet took place on September 1. Photo by Lucas Rey

SENIOR NIGHT

Jacob Ponton (12) Jonathan Sommer (12)

"Senior night was a great time. We celebrated years of **competing** with each other and received personalized **gifts** from the underclassmen," Jonathan Sommer (12) said.

"The gifts the underclassmen gave us were **really** nice. [Senior night] was a good way to close out our **home meets**," Jacob Ponton (12) said.

LC XC Seniors

Erik Bisson
Efrain Flores
Kevin Horecky
Jamen Lane
Christopher Jelewski

Nicolas Martinez
Jacob Ponton
Jonathan Sommer
Jeffery Trembacki

LET'S GO H₂O!

Efrain Flores (12) and Jacob Ponton (12) play a joke on Coach Rhody.

"I was feeling a little bit of fear. I was **scared** for my life. I guess, happy to have done it, **no regrets**," Efrain Flores (12) said.

"I don't know when I don't know how, I don't know where, but **revenge** will be **mine**," Assistant Coach Jeff Rhody said.

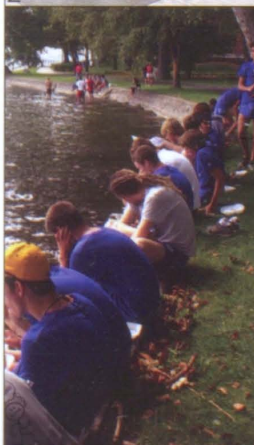
Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour



1 The boys cross team starts their race against Crown Point. This was also senior night for the boys. Photo by: Katie Skura



2 Erik Bisson (12) is being pulled into the lake by Matthew Gerbick (Andean 12). The entire boys team jumped into the lake after the Culver invite. "The Culver meet is the best because of the all out war we have on the docks trying to throw everyone else into the freezing cold water," Bisson said. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour



3 The boys cross country team has a cookout on the lake after the Culver meet. The boys finished 14th at the meet on September 26. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

4 Erik Bisson (12) throws a thumbs up during the race. The boys won the meet, and ran home from Crown Point after their victory. Photo by: Megan Lynch

5 Nicolas Martinez (12) and Jonathan Sommer (12) push each other to finish strong. The boys finished eighth in their race against New Prairie. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

6 Jacob Ponton (12) runs to the finish. He placed second in the meet against Crown Point. Photo by: Katie Skura

7 Freshman varsity runner Nicholas Lopacki (9) runs in the meet against Crown Point. The meet took place September 15. "Being a freshman on top 12 was great. I think I'll improve and run in college after high school," Lopacki said. Photo by: Megan Lynch



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PREPPING for the GAMES

"Before every match, Lauren Marsee (10) and I did a **special handshake** that we thought gave us luck after moving up to Varsity,"

Kelsey Doyle (10) said.

Kelsey Doyle (10) and Lauren Marsee (10)

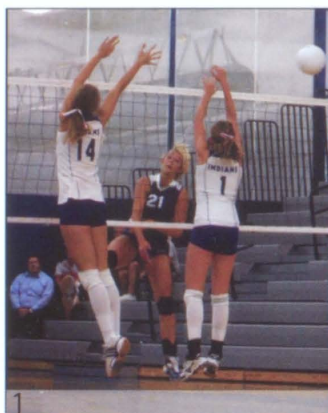
NOT JUST A VOLLEYBALL PLAYER

Britney Tuskan (12) was one of two team captains for this year's varsity team.

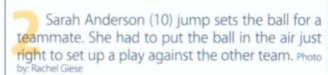
"I was the one that went to [talk to] the refs before the game to see who had serve or receive. The biggest thing was just keeping the team's intensity up. I'm a loud, energetic person, so it was definitely a fun role to play," Tuskan said.

The team has to spend a lot of time together throughout the season, and they have a lot of time to bond.

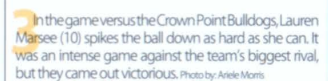
"Our team was really close. We did a lot of funny things throughout the season. I definitely became much closer with certain people, but we all really bonded as a team," Tuskan said. "[This year] was definitely a learning experience. I learned that whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."



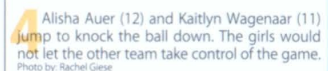
1 Players Alisha Auer (12) and Sarah Anderson (10) go for the block against a Marquette hitter. The team was successful in blocking many kills that night. Photo by Rachel Giese



2 Sarah Anderson (10) jump sets the ball for a teammate. She had to put the ball in the air just right to set up a play against the other team. Photo by Rachel Giese



3 In the game versus the Crown Point Bulldogs, Lauren Marsee (10) spikes the ball down as hard as she can. It was an intense game against the team's biggest rival, but they came out victorious. Photo by Ardele Morris



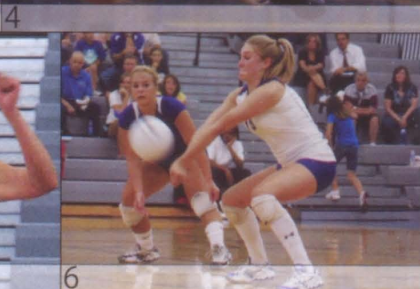
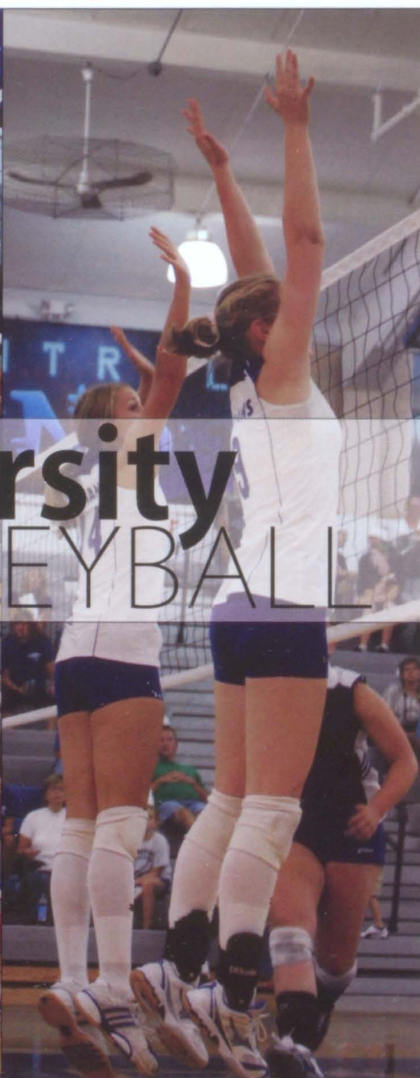
4 Alisha Auer (12) and Kaitlyn Wagenaar (11) jump to knock the ball down. The girls would not let the other team take control of the game. Photo by Rachel Giese



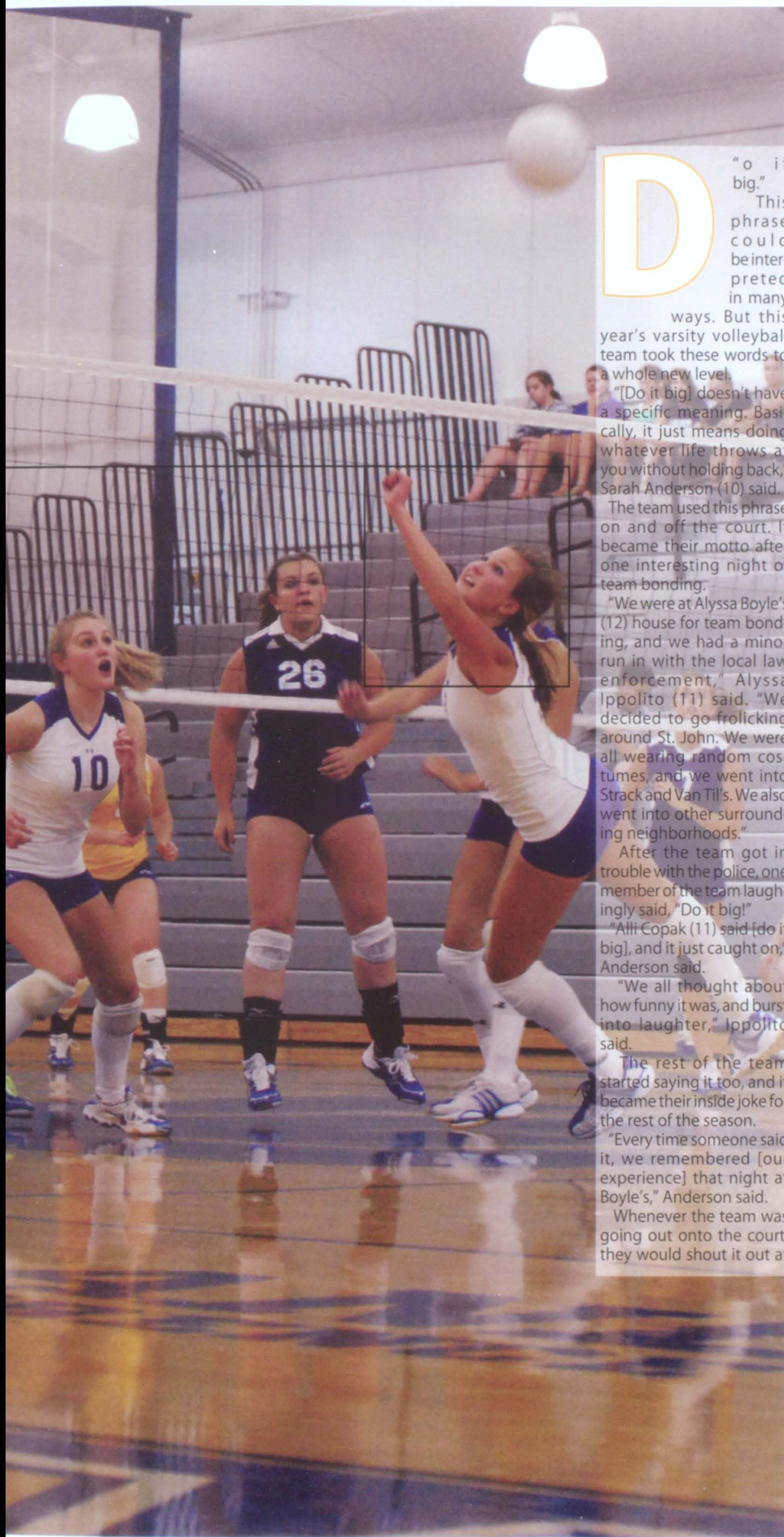
5 After the team scores the point to get them ahead, Baleigh Nosal (11), Rachel DeLira (10), and Britney Tuskan (12) cheer on the floor. The girls got even more pumped up each time they scored against the opposing team. Photo by Rachel Giese



6 Madisen Redar (12) digs for the ball after a Marquette hitter tries to score a point. Redar saved a point for the team, and kept Marquette from taking control. Photo by Rachel Giese



Britney Tuskan (12) attempts to save the ball in a game against Marquette. "I had to run [the ball] down, and fling my arm out to try and keep it in play," Tuskan said. Photo by Rachel Giese



Do it big." This phrase could be interpreted in many

ways. But this year's varsity volleyball team took these words to a whole new level.

"[Do it big] doesn't have a specific meaning. Basically, it just means doing whatever life throws at you without holding back," Sarah Anderson (10) said.

The team used this phrase on and off the court. It became their motto after one interesting night of team bonding.

"We were at Alyssa Boyle's (12) house for team bonding, and we had a minor run in with the local law enforcement," Alyssa Ippolito (11) said. "We decided to go frolicking around St. John. We were all wearing random costumes, and we went into Strack and Van Til's. We also went into other surrounding neighborhoods."

After the team got in trouble with the police, one member of the team laughingly said, "Do it big!"

"Alli Copak (11) said [do it big], and it just caught on," Anderson said.

"We all thought about how funny it was, and burst into laughter," Ippolito said.

The rest of the team started saying it too, and it became their inside joke for the rest of the season.

"Every time someone said it, we remembered [our experience] that night at Boyle's," Anderson said.

Whenever the team was going out onto the court, they would shout it out at

the top of their lungs, and it got them pumped up for the games.

The team had many ways of "doing it big" throughout the season. One of the biggest ways was their team spirit ball.

"[The spirit ball] was a ball that had all of our nicknames on it, and we carried it around with us to each game for good luck," Anderson said.

After each game, each of the players on the team would take a turn keeping the spirit ball with them until the day of their next game.

"Someone would take it home, and bring it to the next game. But it got lost somehow this year, and [we] have no idea what happened to it," Anderson said.

The team did whatever they could to prove themselves to all of their opponents. The two team captains Britney Tuskan (12) and Casey Phillips (12) led the team in trying to "do it big."

"My role as a captain was cheering everyone on, being a leader on and off the court," said Phillips.

Phillips would always be cheering the girls on, and helping them know where to hit at. She was captain of the defense.

"I kept the team energized. I learned how to step up and really be totally committed. I had so much fun just cheering on my teammates, and being someone they could look up to," said Tuskan.

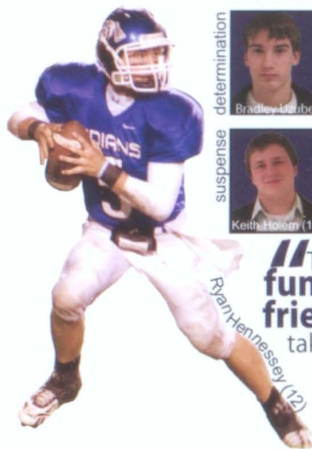
As the team leaders, they tried to set an example for their teammates, and keep them motivated to always be "doing it big."

& Ariele Morris
Anna Weber

DO IT BIG

Team finds a way to step it up, and show what they've got

What does it take to be a varsity football player?



"The last four years have been fun, we really grew close as friends. I'm happy to finally take a break [from football], but I'm sure I'll miss it," Hennessey said.

The football team runs off the field after stretching and warming up for the approaching game. The boys practice, have a team meeting and then come out to play the game every time they play.

Seth Frey (12) listens to assistant coach Jim Morsovillo during the homecoming game. Frey was being congratulated on doing a spectacular job of handling the ball during a defensive play.



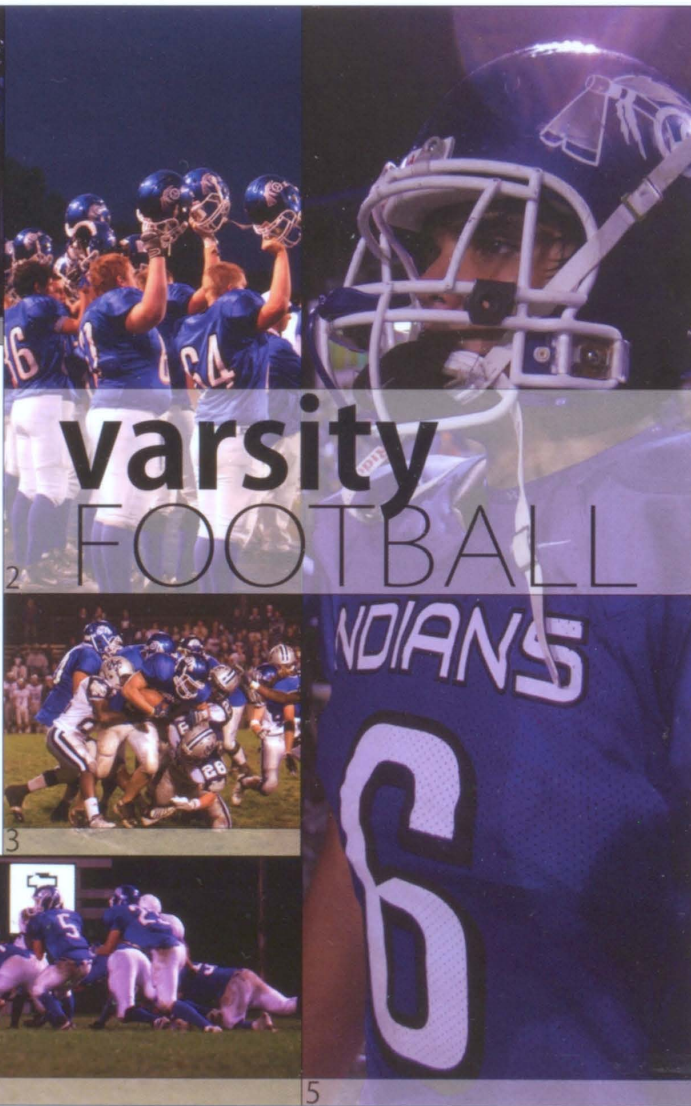
1 Head coach Mr. William Melby talks to the team right before kickoff about what play they will do. The team received motivation and a recap of the plays for the game. Photo by Emily DeMario

2 The football team raises their helmets to show Indian Tradition. During the game, students and players showed off their school spirit. Photo by Danielle Gioiosa

3 The LC football team pushes through a crowd of Michigan City players with the ball in possession. This was the homecoming game that was unfortunately lost. Photo by Gioia's Photography

4 Lining up at the five yard line, the team begins another play that led them to a victory against East Chicago Central. The win pumped the boys up for the rest of season. Photo by Danielle Gioiosa

5 Andres Arellano (12) stands on the sideline and watches his team with anticipation. Arellano played tight end and offensive linebacker this year. It was his fourth year playing football. Photo by Emily DeMario



UNTIL THE LIGHTS GO OUT

Players push themselves for a sectional game win

Being at school for a whole week can become boring for an LC football player. The unexciting nature of class is turned up after a practice on the gridiron. However, there is something that can catch the attention and make a football player's heart start racing faster than Usain Bolt. These two simple words are: Friday night. This is the night that players put all of their cards on the table and will not take no for an answer. This is the night LC fans show up sporting blue and white from head to toe. But, getting these players pumped for a game is not always an easy process. "I listen to 'Till I Collapse' by Eminem.

That song gets me ready to go [for a game]," Steven Krause (11) said.

Every individual player gets ready for the game in his own way. Physically and mentally preparing for games is vital for a win.

"[Before the game] we would listen to music as we got dressed for the games, then Melby would give us a speech," Joseph Hejl (11) said.

Becoming prepared and getting psyched helped the team win their first sectional game against Munster.

"It was really nice to beat a ranked team in the area. The kids played really hard," head coach Mr. William Melby, Mathematics, said.

For a high school football team to have a rough season of only one win

then come back and win its first sectional game was extremely exciting not only for the players, but also for the students and fans who support the team. When the next Friday came around the team was up for a game against Merrillville, but suffered a loss ending their season.

"Merrillville is a tough team to beat but we gave them a run. It was definitely the best game we played all year," Melby said.

With the season ending, some players had to say their final goodbyes while for others it was more of a "see you next season."

"It [my final season] sucks. I've played football with Seth Frey (12) and Andres Arellano (12) my whole life basically. Us and Thomas Zega

(12) have been real close friends since freshmen football," Keith Holem (12) said.

As players said goodbye, they said goodbye to a season where they thought they would have made it further.

"After we destroyed Griffith I thought for sure we would have a winning record and I thought we could have been sectional champs," Tyler Szczecina (10) said.

This football season ended strong with many memories that will be held forever, and can always be found again under those Friday night lights.

Emily DeMario,
Rachel Giese,
Michael Robinson



The football team begins a play during their second sectional game in a sea of mud. The game was against Merrillville, but was lost. Photo by: Elena Navarro

1 Quarterback | 6 Coaches | 12 Minutes | 98 Football players | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 2-9 :Record | 7 Home games | 100 Yards | 6 Trainers

IN HIGH SPIRITS

The girls golf team, in high spirits, fares at regionals

Five varsity girls of the 11 players on the girls golf team went to regionals, at Beechwood, in LaPorte. Among these five varsity players were Lisa Rodriguez (11) and Jennifer Pufahl (11).

"There was a lot of competition there [at regionals], a lot of tough teams, but we just went in knowing we'd do our best. Golf is more of a mental sport. You always have to plan ahead and think a lot. You have to plan your shot so you don't mess up. At regionals there's more pressure from more people being there," Rodriguez said.

The girls placed fifth out of 11 teams, falling short of state qualification. Brianna Davy (12) scored best on the LC team, with a finishing tally of 81, and following not too far behind, Rodriguez, with a score of 98. The girls golf season ended with almost four wins for every one loss, with a record of 11-3. Only Davy would proceed to state.

"I wanted the whole team to go to state, but we weren't expected to," Pufahl said. "That would have been really awesome. And we know we didn't come out the best we could have, but we tried to have fun on the way

home to end out the season. We're a very outgoing group."

Joining the girls golf team this year were three underclassmen. Contrary to tradition, however, the newcomers received only help from their new team.

"It was fun having new players on the team," Pufahl said. "We're really nice to them, and we give them tips. We get crazy on the bus, though. We tell jokes, sing, and just talk about random things. They [the new members] look at us like we have 10 heads but it's a really fun team."

But even regionals wouldn't be without the unsuspected, as the girls would soon find out.

"At the intersection of 30 and 41 at night, on the way home from regionals, we were goofing off and the guy in the car next to us started making fun of us and laughing at us. It was really creepy. We asked our coach to drive away and we sped off," Pufahl said. "I'm definitely doing it again next year; if I could improve as much next year as I did this year, I'll be set."

All in all, the girls golf team is infallible in keeping their high spirits. To sum up the season, Pufahl had only a few words to say.

"It's just a fun team, and we all get along really well."

8The editors
Rebecca Kimberly

Lisa Rodriguez (11) and Miroslava Repak (11) practice their swing during practice at the range, Repak with an iron and Rodriguez with a driver. Of the team, only Brianna Davy (12) went to state.
Photos by: Jessica Moore



Remembering Tyler Graves

"I've known him since I was young, we were both members at White Hawk. We were close through golf. He had this Big Bird club cover for about two years. Right before his death, we had a joke that if I could beat him in a match then I could use it. I won it but we were planning on passing it back and forth all the time. I use it as a tribute to him now," Brianna Davy (12) said.



Michelle Baczkowski (11) plans a put during one of the girls' practices. Whether or not they make par often lies on their putting ability.
Photo by: Scout Demir



1 Miroslava Repak (11) practices with her teammates before her match at Palmira. The girls always warm up together before each match. Photo by: Jessica Moore

2 Brianna Davy (12) stands with her coach during a practice before a match at Pal Mira. Coach Chris Rossiano led the girls to state for the past two years. Photo by: Jessica Moore

3 Jennifer Pufahl (11) and Megan Falat (10) pick up golf balls with their teammates after practicing. The girls always work together while having fun. Photo by: Chelsea Keith

4 Victoria Balicki (10), Megan Falat (10), Miroslava Repak (11) and Lisa Rodriguez (11) swing together at practice. They always practice as a team before their matches. Photo by: Scout Demir

5 Kathryn Peterson (10) prepares to chip the ball during practice. Her and her teammates practice many different types of swings at practice. Photo by: Jessica Moore

6 Brianna Davy (12) takes a swing before her match at Palmira. Davy was the qualified to go to state this year. Photo by: Jessica Moore

7 Lisa Rodriguez (11) concentrates on the ball as she prepares to take a swing. The girls are always very focused while practicing. Photo by: Jessica Moore



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saying goodbye

Mr. Holden resigns as Boys Varsity coach



15 years as
boys coach
2 consecutive
DAC titles

"The last two years were very fulfilling. We did well as a team and did well in our tournaments. This season was one of our best; we pushed Munster to their limits and were probably the best team besides them. The fact that our one doubles team got to Indy for state was a good experience overall. I'm going to miss all the tournaments, and talking to the other coaches. And I'm obviously going to miss the kids the most."

Mr. Ralph Holden, social studies, said.



1 The varsity boys tennis team celebrates with their trophy. They received the trophy at this year's Crawfordville tournament. Photo by Nolan Mancera

2 Mr. Ralph Holden pulls Thomas Lozanoski (10) aside during a match. Holden always made an effort to teach the team even during their matches. Photo by Nolan Mancera

3 Awaiting the next hit, Gary Snyder (12) positions himself on the court. Snyder and Marc Radovich (12) played two doubles for the majority of the season. Photo by Nolan Mancera

THE DUELING DOUBLES

Number one doubles team takes it a step further

This year, the boys varsity tennis team went further than ever before.

Their number one doubles team, Bradley Spicer (12) and Adam Wroughton (12) successfully made it to state.

"At first the team was hesitant to put us as a doubles team because we didn't like each other, but Adam and I knew what we had to do to win," Spicer said.

Spicer and Wroughton teamed up because they knew they had a chance to go to state.

"We put our differences aside and won. In the process, we became good friends," Spicer said.

The two had an undefeated season up until their matches at Delta.

"We did not lose a set until the Delta tournament in which we played two singles players. One was a foreign exchange student from Germany who nailed me with the ball right in the side and left a giant red mark," Spicer said.

When they made it to state, Spicer and Wroughton would set simple goals for themselves to motivate them to win their matches.

"Holden told us that we would get to eat at Red Lobster if we won. Brad and I wanted seafood so we wanted to win even more," Wroughton said.

After their first match at state they found a park with a zip line. They decided instead of using

the zip line right away, they would rather use it as their motivation to win their second match. They told themselves they could only use it if they won their match. They ended up losing their match but decided to play on the zip line anyway.

Wroughton was in a different position than usual, playing at number one doubles instead of number one singles.

"Doubles is more fun than singles because you have a partner to joke around with," Wroughton said.

Wroughton made the transition from his usual singles position, to join Spicer at doubles soon after.

"When one of us would get angry the other would just make jokes or yell something obnoxious to make us laugh," Wroughton said.

Wroughton wants to continue with tennis while in college.

"I just got offered a scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan where I get \$5,000 my freshman year and then \$14,000 every year after that," Wroughton said.

Winning fourth at state, Spicer and Wroughton closed out their season with a record of 25 wins and only two losses. Their two losses did not occur until state, leaving them with an extremely successful season.

They are happy that they decided to team up for the benefit of the team, and for themselves. Not only did they do very well together and get fourth in state but became friends in the process.

& Colleen McElmurry
Cameron Sweeney

Bradley Spicer (12) serves to the opposing team at a home match. The team played Chesterton where Spicer and Adam Wroughton (12) continued their then undefeated record. Photo by Anthony Perez



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1 Adam Wroughton (12) returns a volley during a match against Chesterton. This was one of his last matches playing number one singles. Photo by: Kim Feder

2 Running in for a short ball, Thomas Lozanoski (10) prepares to return with a short backhand. Lozanoski took over Adam Wroughton's (12) number one singles position for most of the season. Photo by: Allie Mender

3 During team line up, Nolan Mancera (12) takes his turn high-fiving everyone. This was before their defeat against Munster. Photo by: Megan Trincot

4 Marthweh Radencic (11) serves to the opposing team, Crawfordsville. "Getting first place and beating Terre Haute in the Crawfordsville tournament was a great first for the team," Radencic said. Photo by: Nolan Mancera

5 Coach Bryan Szalonek looks on at their opposing team, Chesterton during line-ups. Szalonek serves at the team's Junior Varsity coach. Photo by: Anthony Perez

2 DAC Awards

1 Wins

5 Losses

8 Varsity players

JUST THE NUMBERS

9-3 Record

6 Home matches

6 Away matches

8 Courts

WELCOME TO PRISON

A 'bus ride from the underworld'

Have you ever been stranded on a highway? Or shuttled by a prison van to Burger King? If you have, you are now in the same boat as the girls soccer team.

"We were driving down [Interstate] 94 when suddenly there was an ominous sound made from the bus, followed by the bus driver screaming to sit down," Katelyn Diehl (12) said.

The bus had broken down. "The bus broke down on the side of I-94, more than an hour away from home. We were coming home from a tournament in Center Grove," Laura Herman (12) said.

The team was stranded on the side

of I-94 and did not have a way to get back home.

"I thought to myself 'Is this really happening?' Then I realized I no longer have plans that night. I got really mad then started to laugh really hard," Diehl said.

The girls were a little confused.

"No one knew what was happening, and the bus driver got off the bus with the coaches and later a cop arrived," Rachel Madsen (12) said.

To pass the time, the girls talked and played music.

"We had to wait for our shuttle prison vans to take us to the nearest Burger King," Herman said.

The girls waited about an hour and a half for the vans to come get them.

"It was actually really fun. Everyone just got to hang out and relax,"

Madsen said.

Herman said, "The driver told us to not touch the seats because previous juveniles were in there. I didn't know if he was kidding or not."

They were only able to fit about eight people at a time into the vans to shuttle the players to Burger King.

"It was a little creepy at first, but I thought it was hilarious," Madsen said.

The girls still had to wait awhile before getting there.

"I sat next to Coach Lori [Smith] saying, 'Mmm these fries are good,'" Diehl said.

While at Burger King, the girls had to wait about another 45 minutes for the replacement van to come pick them up.

When they finally got home, it was

about midnight.

"We got home about twelve in the morning, completely slap happy," Diehl said.

The girls' game was that morning and they never expected to get home that late.

"I figured we would have been home around five but I was dead wrong," Diehl said.

"We were stranded for too long!" Herman said.

The girls trip to and from Center Grove will never be forgotten.

"Coach Lori took pictures to save the precious memory of our never-ending bus ride from the underworld!" Herman said.

& Katie Skura
Shannon Farrer





Laura Herman (12) advances the ball up field during the sectional game against Crown Point on October 15. Herman played defense for the team this year and was one of nine seniors. Photo by: Katie Skura

Kaley Marcinak (12) stops the ball with her body to get a better angle for a shot. The team's motto this year was "Pain is only weakness leaving the body." Photo by: Caitlin Kowaleski



Katherine Krull (12) tries to keep the ball away from South Bend during the game on September 5. "I was disappointed our season ended so soon. I was sure we would make it to semi-state, but I guess we were just unlucky," Krull said. Photo by: Rachel Giese



1 The team runs their warm-up sprints before they take the field. The season ended sooner than planned after losing the semi-final sectional game against Crown Point. Photo by: Katie Skura

2 Brooke Polus (12) kicks the ball out of the goal against South Bend Clay High School. Polus played goalie starting her sophomore year and was varsity's starting goalie. Photo by: Rachel Giese

3 Lauren Dorecki (9) advances the ball up the field against Munster on August 20. Dorecki and her sister Ashley Dorecki (12) were one of two sets of sisters on the team this year, along with Brooke Polus (12) and Kara Polus (10). Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

4 Jordyn Dash (11) looks to see to whom she can pass the ball. Dash moved here from California this year where she never experienced two-a-days. Photo by: Elena Navarro

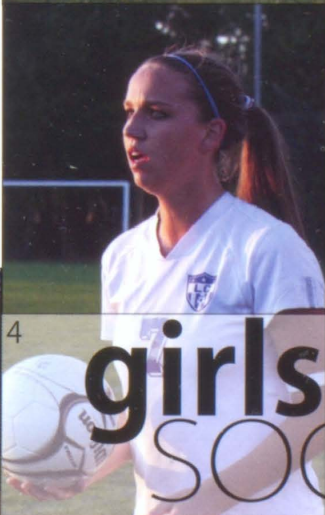
5 Ashley Dorecki (12) leads the pack in their warm-up laps followed by Jordyn Dash (11) and Hillary Campbell (10). Dorecki decided to go to IUPUI on a scholarship to play there. Photo by: Caitlin Kowaleski



Just 3 Concussions

"The first concussion of the year I got ice skating [when I] fell on my face. I got 7 stitches. I got the first one [of the season] during the Portage game. I don't really remember what happened. All I know is I went for the ball and next thing I knew I was falling face first to the ground. The second one was two weeks later when a ball was kicked at my head. The worst part was missing half the season and sitting and watching my team during sectionals. I tried going back to practices but my doctor said it wasn't the best idea because it can cause an even worse injury in the future."

Hillary Campbell (10) said.



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1 Freshman | 3 Coaches | 10 Away games | 18 Soccer players | JUST THE NUMBERS | 10-7-1 :Record | 8 Home games | 9 Seniors | 2 Sets of sisters

A season for records



The team celebrates the win over Valparaiso

21 Most games won

Least goals scored on **15**

13 Most shutouts

Coach of the year
Jereme Rainwater, Vocational

3 boys on the all state team
Robert Rigg (11)
Eppokrates Litos (12)
Brandon Cloutier (11)

STATE FINAL 4

Robert Rigg (11) dribbles the ball down the field while an opponent tries to pull him down. Rigg wears the black and white band around his arm to signify him as one of the two captains on the team. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

Andrew Ritchie (11) possesses the ball and heads for the Chesterton goal. The boys had a 2-0 win over Chesterton, one of their tougher DAC opponents. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds



1 In the rainy sectional game against Crown Point, Kyle Uzubell (10) heads toward the goal. The boys continued on the final sectional game which they also won. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds



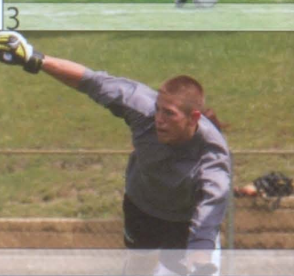
2 Randy Maksimik (10) stops the Crown Point offense in the last home game for the boys this year. It was the final game of the DAC shutout record as well. Photo by: Danielle Gioiosa



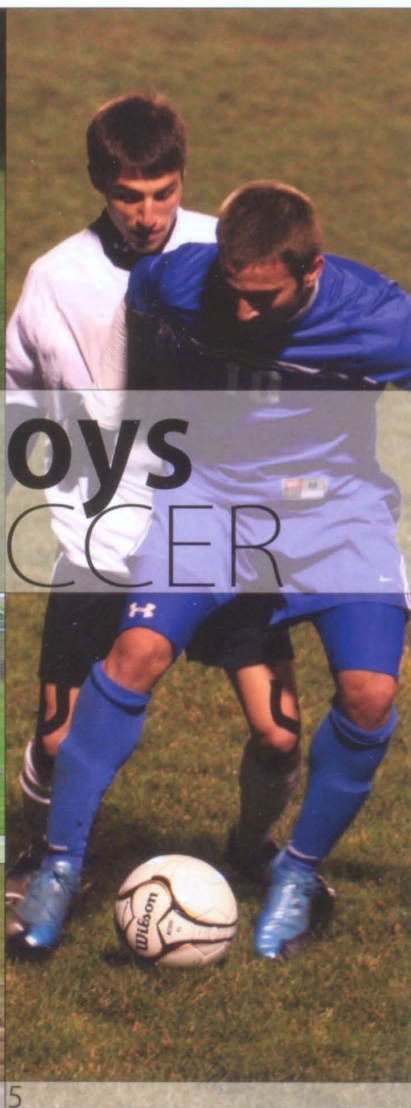
3 Douglas Petersen (11) seized the ball from St. Joseph's offense. Petersen, who was the last defender before the goal, was a huge help to the boys defense this year. Photo by: Danielle Gioiosa



4 Brandon Cloutier (11) dives to save the ball in the game against St. Joseph. Cloutier had over 110 saves for the team by the end of the season. Photo by: Chelsey Barszsiak



5 Eppokrates Litos (12) holds off a Portage defender in finals for semistate. Pressure from team's offense and defense led them to a place in the final four at state. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds



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FIRST DAC SHUTOUT

Team is first to set this new record in conference

The boys soccer team accomplished the unheard of this season. They were not only undefeated in their conference, but shut out every DAC opponent who came their way. In

the 15 years of the DAC, no other team has achieved a shutout season, in which no other conference team scored against them. Brandon Cloutier (11), the goalie, finished the DAC season of seven games with 30 saves, and Joseph Majchrowicz (9), the back-up goalie, ended with 11 saves.

"Cloutier was phenomenal to say the least; he shut down many games that regular keepers wouldn't be able to

do," Douglas Petersen (11) said.

Cloutier had stepped up as the goalie this year, and he impressed his teammates with astonishing save after save.

"Reading the ball became easier from our half an hour of shooting penalty kicks at the end of practice every day," Cloutier said.

Although Cloutier played extremely well, he also gives credit to all of his fellow teammates, especially Petersen, the sweeper, who is the team's last defensive player before the goalie.

"Petersen was a wall for the defense which was so strong, and our offense put so much pressure on their defense too," Cloutier said.

The team worked on possessing the

ball for the majority of each game, not giving the other team chances to score.

"We kept a lot of pressure on the other team's defense so that they could not attack our defense," Eppokrates Litos (12) said.

The team not only pressured the other team's defense, but scored often too.

"It's not one person on the team, it's the whole team that shuts down the opponents' opportunities," Petersen said.

Every player played a significant role that contributed to the team's achievement of this record. Cody Barnes (11), one of the team's two captains, took on the responsibility to hold the team together and moti-

vate them.

"We worked well together this year, more as one team," Barnes said.

From offense to defense, everyone on the team was a key player in each and every game, working as one unit towards the same goal.

"It's a good feeling to know that we are the only team to have this record, and it shows how good we are," Cloutier said.

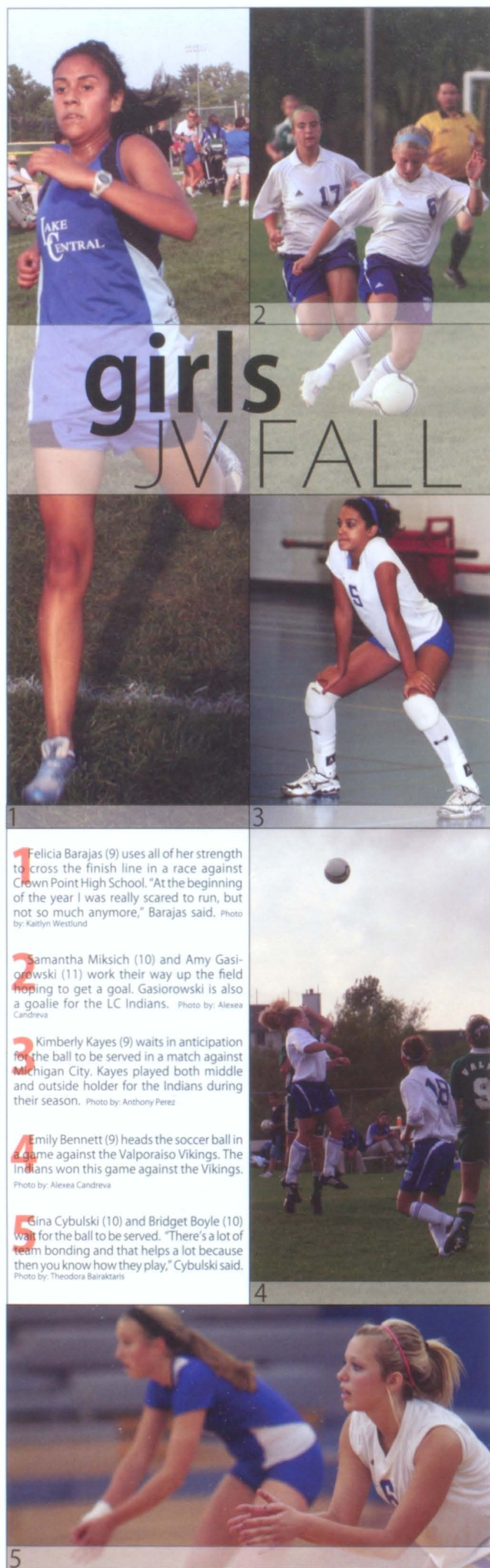
The team was the first to accomplish a feat that other teams have not been able to capture for 15 years. Due to their team effort, they are the only team in the history of the DAC to have a conference shutout.

& Alaina Reynolds
Lauren Resendiz



In the first home game of the season, Jared Schreiber (12) steals the ball from Highland's offense to pass the ball to his forwards. The team went on to defeat Highland 4-0. Photo by: Alaina Reynolds

142 Saves | 13 Shutouts | 80 Goals | 21 Players | JUST THE NUMBERS | 21-2-1 :Record | 8 Home games | 3 Seniors | 134 Shoes



1 Felicia Barajas (9) uses all of her strength to cross the finish line in a race against Crown Point High School. "At the beginning of the year I was really scared to run, but not so much anymore," Barajas said. Photo by: Kaitlyn Westlund

2 Samantha Miksich (10) and Amy Gasiorowski (11) work their way up the field hoping to get a goal. Gasiorowski is also a goalie for the LC Indians. Photo by: Alexea Candrea

3 Kimberly Kayes (9) waits in anticipation for the ball to be served in a match against Michigan City. Kayes played both middle and outside holder for the Indians during their season. Photo by: Anthony Perez

4 Emily Bennett (9) heads the soccer ball in a game against the Valparaiso Vikings. The Indians won this game against the Vikings. Photo by: Alexea Candrea

5 Gina Cybulski (10) and Bridget Boyle (10) wait for the ball to be served. "There's a lot of team bonding and that helps a lot because then you know how they play," Cybulski said. Photo by: Theodora Bairaktaris

A new girls JV season brings new experiences

BEHIND THE FINISH LINE

Becoming a JV or freshmen team member gives a new meaning to being a dedicated and hardworking athlete. Incoming freshmen start their fall sport as early as the end of eighth grade. Emotions run wild as the tryouts come around and the competition to earn their spot on the team is on.

After months of preparation and hard work, it's hard to not let nerves get to you. Going up against older girls who are more experienced can be frightening, especially for a freshman who has never done the sport before.

"I was really nervous because I never did it before. I ran distance on the track team in middle school all three years though," Stephanie Smith (9) said.

Having an older sibling on the team can calm the nerves whether it's tryouts or even a game. Sisters Bridget Boyle (10) and Alyssa Boyle (12) have been on the volleyball team together for two years now.

"We got mad at each other a lot, but she gave me a lot of good advice. I'm definitely going to miss her a lot next year," Bridget said.

For Jacquelyn Brazzale

(10), playing sports with her sister didn't end up so sweet.

"Back in March I fell playing frisbee with my little sister and tore my ACL," Brazzale (10) said. She wasn't able to participate in summer workouts all that much, but she persevered and ended up making the JV soccer team in the end.

Being injured can be a very tough time, especially when it's around the time of tryouts. Having a close team that helps you get better can be a good quality.

"We got to go to the Dunes and we had to run, but after, we got to go swimming and have fun," Megan Ault (9) said.

Even after a hard day of work, it can pay off just to have fun on the beach with your teammates. As each sport's season comes to an end, the outcome can be exciting for some but upsetting for others.

"We lost our last game, we were really upset. We played Valpo, a really good team, and we beat them in the beginning of the year," Anna Weber (10) said.

So whether they're kicking the soccer ball into the goal, racing to the finish line, or spiking the volleyball over the net to score points, these junior varsity and freshmen girls prepare themselves and work hard to get where they are today as athletes.

8 Caitlin Kowaleski and Marina Magnabosco



Danielle Durochik (12) races against a Crown Point runner to try to beat her to the finish line. "That is the second year I've had a Crown Point girl neck and neck with me, and she beats me by a head bob," Durochik said. Photo by: Kaitlyn Westlund

Stephanie Smith (9) and Felicia Barajas (9) run in a race to the finish line. This is the first year running cross country for the both of them. Photo by: Katie Skura



NOT JUST A RUNNER

Everyone has something they do that makes them special from everyone else, whether it's just playing more than one sport or having a special hobby. Cross country is one of the most endurance-demanding sports a person can participate in. And to be a successful cross country runner, a person has to be strong, have stamina and have a very strong mental will. An average cross country distance run is about five kilometers. That's about 3.11 miles. And for practice, the girls run anywhere from three to seven miles. What's more is when that same person is more than one sport. Stephanie Smith (9) is a member to more than one sport here at L.C.

"I run cross country here and I'm also going to do track. I play softball for St. John too," Smith said.

Since she was seven she has been

playing softball. Smith also ran track through all three years in middle school and has since truly exhibited her experience as a hardworking runner.

"Usually I play the position shortstop," Smith said.

On the weekends, with her free time, she likes to hangout with her friends at any one of their houses. In her eyes, Smith is an average student.

"I'm not getting a job because I have no time because of cross country and track," Smith said.

So not only is Smith a runner for the cross country and track team, she is a girl who plays softball and likes to hangout with her friends in her time. Her athletics are demanding, but Smith tries hard to get good grades. She's just another freshman, but special in her own way.

first year on JUNIOR VARSITY

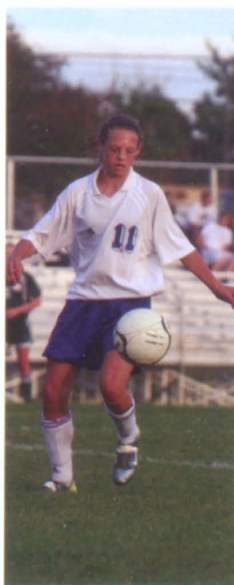
Josephine Binette (9) is the only freshman on the JV volleyball team.

"I was really happy and excited when I found out I made it. I was ready to learn a lot," Binette said.

Being the only younger one on a team full of older members can be frightening at times, but this wasn't the first time playing with the team for Binette.

"I was nervous in the beginning because I didn't know how the girls would react to having a freshman on their team, even though I've played with them during club season," Binette said.

"I want to make varsity next year but I know if I stay on JV I'll learn a lot more and be ready for varsity."



With the help of teammate Crystal Kirchhoff (10), Elissa Fife (9) brings the ball up the field. "I like getting along with all of the girls," Fife said on playing JV girls soccer. Photo by: Elena Navarro

Michelle Wartman (9) kicks the ball towards her side of the field towards the goal. Before joining the Indians, Wartman had been playing soccer since the age of four on the Dyer Kickers. Photo by: Alexia Candrea

FRESHMAN ASPECTS

"I can definitely say that being on the **cross country** team changed me. Being on the team made me a harder worker both on and off the course, and it helped me adjust to high school. I hope that through the years in cross country I'll become one of the leaders on the team and lead the team to state."

Christopher Albright (9)

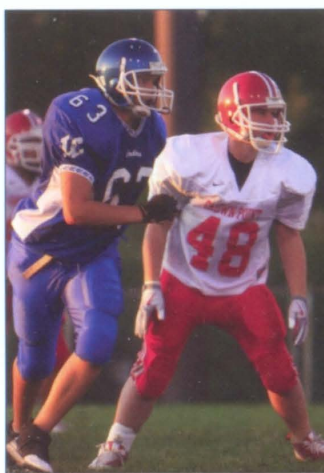
"The high school level took it way more seriously than middle school. The team was bigger and we had much higher expectation by the coaches. I've been in **football** for about 8 years now and this affected the way I thought as a team. Hopefully I can get to the college level and if possible, further."

Matthew Madsen (9)

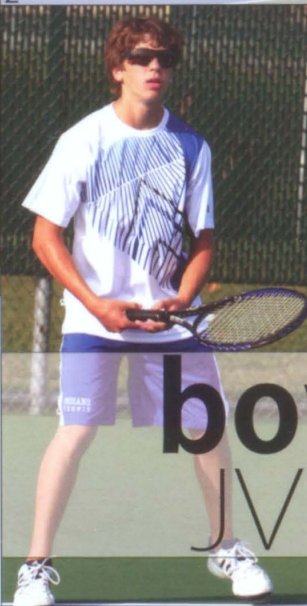
JOCK?

Timothy Starks (12), or "Yung-T", is most known for being a football player, but there's more to him than people see. Starks has been rapping since he was in the 8th grade. "It started when me and a couple of friends entered a concert at my old school," said Starks. Comedy is also a big part in his life, "I enjoy making people laugh. I like to know that people enjoy being around me," said Starks. He also has a close bond with his father. "My dad mentors me, so he kind of shaped me into who I am today," Starks said. "I don't let anyone bring me down and I don't give excuses for my wrong doings."

NOT JUST A



1. Jon Bannister (9) watches a play while guarding his opponent during the conference game. They beat Crown Point with a score of 42-8. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak



2. The varsity tennis team lines up to high five each JV teammate. The varsity players did this before each JV match to pump up the players. Photo by: Megan Trincot



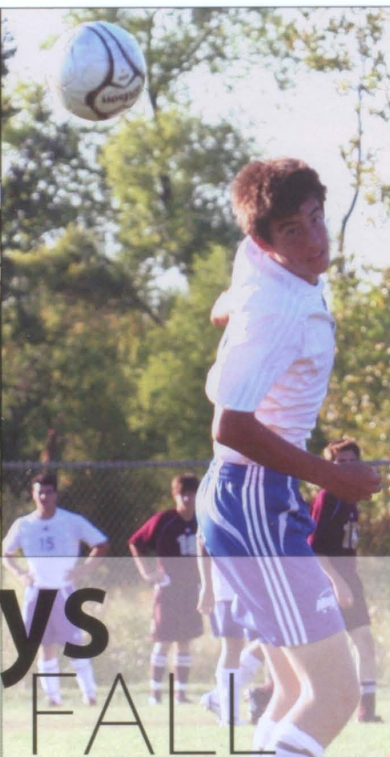
3. Colin Mancera (10) gets ready to warm up before his conference match. He took a victory in his match against his Chesterton opponent. Photo by: Anthony Perez

4. Evarius Arriaga (9) and Michael Buckman (10) start their final moments of their three mile race. The meet was a conference meet against Crown Point. Photo by: Kaitlin Westlund

5. Benjamin Peppin (10) uses his head in the game to hit the ball. "We played pretty hard, but lost to a sloppy goal," Peppin said. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

6. The JV boys cross country team takes off on their course in the New Prairie Invite. They were one of 24 teams who competed in the invite. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

7. Christopher Trevino (10) kicks the ball toward the goal. "We didn't have as good of a season, but we progressed our skills," Trevino said. Photo by: Megan Lynch



NOT JUST AN UNDERCLASSMAN

and can't be just as good.

"The JV team is really young and has great potential. If they work hard in the off-season by taking lessons, group play and tournaments, [we] can be just as good [as varsity players], especially since we lost five great varsity players this year," Sayger said.

But like every team in every sport, there's an obstacle the team comes across at least once in the season.

"The JV team practices harder and it's a challenge. The team had their days but it was reluctantly easy. The hardest obstacle [this season] was facing Cherterton," Ryan Kozy (9) said. However, losing a game or a match doesn't just affect one person, it affects the whole team.

"The losses we had pulled the team down, but it made us want to practice harder," Zimmer said.

Varsity teams may be older, slightly stronger and probably a little more experienced, but that doesn't hold back the dedication our JV teams have.

"We were DAC champs for the first time last year, and then co-champs again this year. If everyone works hard in the off season, we can be DAC champs again," Sayger said. As time progresses, many of the JV team players move up to varsity teams, showing off their best abilities. Just because they're the "underclassmen" and on the "JV" team doesn't mean they can't reach the top of the mountain of their performance.

"I plan to work harder every year and get better," Kozy said.

&Anthony Perez
Megan Wojcik

There are two things that come to mind when thinking about an average high school athlete: physical hardwork and mental concentration. For most athletes, the junior varsity team can be just as committed as a varsity team. The JV tennis team either goes to the weight room first, and then goes to the courts to practice, or on other days, skips the weight room, and heads straight to the tennis courts.

"School is long, but I look forward going to practice afterwards," Jeffrey Eader (10), said.

On the contrary, the JV soccer team goes straight to practice right after school and doesn't get done until about 5:30.

"We warm up at the beginning of practice for 15-20 minutes, do drills, scrimmage, then run sprints," Brian Zimmer (10) said. Not every JV team, however, has the same practice tradition.

"The team practices really hard because everyone is motivated to do their best. We start out running five laps around the tennis courts, do an extended warm-up that warms us up, practice our volleys, over-heads, and serves, then the JV and varsity teams go to separate sides [of the court] and the coaches work with them by doing drills and challenge matches," Charles Sayger (10), said.

Although the JV teams do not have the "varsity" title does not mean they are looked at less than them

Timothy Starks (12) and Chase Fieldhouse (10) run down the field in hopes for a touchdown against the LaPorte Slicers. The Indians took a victory with a final score of 34-21. Photo by: Megan Anderson

PLAYING JV & VARSITY

"Being on both teams gave me the chance to have a lot of playing time and get the experience I needed to become a better player in the future," Jessica Bell (9) said.

"I moved up in the middle of the season, and the team was happy for me. It made me want to work harder so I can just play varsity next year," Panagiota Manousopoulos (11) said.



Jessica Bell (9)

Panagiota Manousopoulos (11)



1 Jessica Bell (9) gets court time during a home game against La Porte. Many of varsity's reserve players were able to gain playing experience during this particular game. Photo by: Kim Feder

2 Lindsay Needham (11) gets ready for a pass during the home La Porte game. The game was the first in the girls' winning streak that lasted until sectionals. Photo by: Kim Feder

3 Ashley Dorecki (12) tries to maintain possession of the ball. Carolyn Sandrick (11) waited nearby for a pass. Photo by: Rachel Geise



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girls BASKETBALL

1 Andrea Kras (12) runs back on defense. Kras was getting into position during the first half of the home La Porte game. Photo by: Kim Feder

2 Alexis Magnant (11) takes the ball down the court, closely followed by teammate Isis Thomas (11). The Michigan City game was the first varsity home game for the girls. Photo by: Anna Weber

3 Britney Tuskan (12) goes up for a close shot. The Lady Indians beat Michigan City for the first time in three years. Photo by: Rachel Geise

4 Alexis Magnant (11) performs a layup and is fouled by a Michigan City player. She landed on the ground, and the game had to be momentarily stopped to make sure she was OK. Photo by: Rachel Geise

5 Panagiota Manousopoulos (11) and Britney Tuskan (12) dribble basketballs with both hands down the court during team tryouts. Tuskan played varsity, and Manousopoulos played both JV and varsity. Photo by: Rachel Geise



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Lady Indians overcome Merrillville in an unlikely victory

SENIOR NIGHT SWEEP

Up until this year, the girls basketball team hadn't won a senior night game in at least three years. This year, the girls played Merrillville, who was until that point undefeated and later went onto state. Although the odds were stacked against them, the girls had plenty of motivation driving them to win.

"It was the seniors' last home game, and we wanted to beat Merrillville so badly. We love our seniors, and we wanted to make them happy. You could feel in the atmosphere that it was going to be a good game. The boys basketball and wrestling teams were there to support us, and we really appreciated it. It made us work hard for our school," Isis Thomas (11) said.

The team had lost to Merrillville earlier in the year and was ready to make a comeback.

Before the game, the team was not able to do many of their usual pre-game activities. The seniors had to leave right after school so that the rest of the team could decorate the gym for them, and when they came back to school they had other things to do, leaving the rest of the team alone in the locker room to prepare for one of the most anticipated games of the season.

"The seniors usually come into the locker room and talk before the game. It was really different not having them in there. We had no

pep talk from [Mrs. Leslie] Iwema [Foreign Language], so we just talked and prayed alone," Lindsay Needham (11) said.

The girls were nervous at first, but as soon as the game began they had a good feeling about where it was going.

"We came out with energy, and almost every shot we made went in. It was a good game," Thomas said.

Toward the end of the game, prospects were looking bright for the Lady Indians.

"The best part was when there were only 10 seconds left, and we knew we were going to win. We couldn't wait to be done and celebrate giving Merrillville their only loss," Carolyn Sandrick (11) said.

After the game was won, the senior night festivities resumed. Seniors Ashley Doeski, Kaley Marcinak, Britney Tuskan, Brooke Polus and Andrea Kras each walked out onto the court with their parents and had a basketball tossed to them when their names were called. Each ball was pink and had small comments from the other members of the team written on it.

The win was a part of the girls' winning streak that lasted from the La Porte home game in January all the way until they won conference and made it to sectionals. Though the girls would have liked have gone farther with their season, they were happy with all they did accomplish.

8 Katie Westlund
Anthony Perez

Kaley Marcinak (12) sets up the offense. She was advising the rest of the team on what to do during the Michigan City game, which was the first game of the season. "We were all really pumped. We beat them for the first time," Marcinak said. Photo by: Rachel Glese

DIVERSE DOMINATION

Varsity basketball team used differences to help their game

It's 7:30 on Saturday night. The boys JV team just got done playing and now varsity is warming up. Even though the crowd is a sea of blue and white, it's obvious to see the different backgrounds and ages of each fan. But they're all here for one purpose: the varsity basketball team.

The diversity in the crowd reflects the diversity spread amongst the boys team. The players all range from 10th to 12th grade and come from backgrounds from all over the world. Leith Hobbs (12), Benjamin Sporman (12), Maxwell Faulkner (11), Taylor Lehnert (10), Christopher Moon (10) and Austen Wagoner (10) have roots in Poland, Ireland or Germany. Keith Thompson (12), Justin-Cory Nesbitt (12), Jahhim Easter (12) and Glenn Robinson (10) are of African descent, while Loai Issa (12) is Arabian and Mena Dous (11) is Egyptian.

13 different players of varying ages with six different ethnicities overcame the prejudice and stereotype judgements of other teams to form the "family" they became. Some of the boys joke about how they're like the "United Nations of high school basketball."

This team of brothers all agreed that there has never been an issue due to the variety of races or the fact that they're all different ages. If anything, they laugh about other people's segregating remarks.

"It's funny when I'm guarding a player of another race and they underestimate me. They'll call me white boy, so I'll feel obligated to show them how the white

boy can dunk over them," Hobbs said.

The boys often bonded off and on the court. One of their keys to success was the closeness they shared with each other. They were able to learn from one another and grow as a team.

"Playing on such a diverse basketball team is really unique because there are so many cultures coming together under one uniform. We all have our differences, whether it's with our age or where we come from, but we still share the same goal: to play our best," Sporman said.

It was almost vital this year for the five sophomores to enhance their playing abilities to keep up with the seniors. Robinson and Wagoner had an advantage by playing on the JV team last year, but Lehnert, Moon and Gentz were on the freshmen team. Since they were accustomed to playing with a lower level of competition, it was up to the six seniors and the two juniors to transform the freshmen and sophomores into varsity-level players.

The team agreed that the amount of sophomores versus the amount of seniors made the season more meaningful.

"I think [the age differences] made [the season] a bit more fun, making it a big brother-little-brother experience. For the sophomores to have a senior class that went above and beyond to teach them was really helpful for their game. For us seniors, it was nice to have the sophomores have our backs, the way we had their's. That just shows how close we are as a team," Thompson said.

Elena Navarro
Brittany Grzesik

Leith Hobbs (12) jumps for a rebound score against the Merrillville Pirates. LC ended up winning with a score of 44-36 after being tied for half of the game.

Photo by: Rachel Gleise





boys BASKETBALL

1 Keith Thompson (12) listens to advice from Coach Dave Milausnic to help him in his game. "Listen to Kanye West and Kid Cudi to get me ready mentally," Thompson said. Photo by: Elena Navarro

2 Maxwell Faulkner (11) shoots and makes his free throw while Benjamin Sporman (12) stands by and watches. Faulkner is a forward for the Indians while Sporman is a guard. Photo by: Elena Navarro

3 Taking a break from their game, Jahhim Easter (12) and Loai Issa (12) get water from athletic trainer Chris Hall. Hall attends almost every game to make sure that players have assistance with potential injuries and someone to keep them hydrated. Photo by: Elena Navarro

4 Glenn Robinson Jr. (10) jumps over Merrillville Pirates Rico Spikes (#30) to shoot for two. Robinson is one of the five sophomores on the varsity basketball team. Photo by: Rachel Giese

5 The varsity team piles up and screams to pump up their adrenaline for the game. This has been a tradition the Indians have done for several years before every single game. Photo by: Elena Navarro

Seniors to Juniors to Sophomores



Name: Leith Hobbs (12)
Nickname: Caucasian Sensation
Look Up To: Taylor Lehnert (10)
Why: "He was the kid I took under my wing. I love him dearly."



Name: Taylor Lehnert (10)
Nickname: Tayloooooor
Look Up To: Loai Issa and Leith Hobbs (12)
Why: "Leith and Lou showed me the way. I'm going to miss them the most."



Name: Loai Issa (12)
Nickname: Lou
Look Up To: Taylor Lehnert (10)
Why: "He's the one who has improved the most. He took all my advice and used it in his game."



Name: Keith Thompson (12)
Nickname: Killa Keith
Look Up To: Glenn Robinson (10)
Why: "The kid just keeps growing and has no limits to his game."



Name: Glenn Robinson (10)
Nickname: Tré
Look Up To: All of the Seniors
Why: "We got along all of the time and just had fun. I'm going to miss playing with all of them."



Name: Austen Wagoner (10)
Nickname: Wags
Look Up To: Loai Issa (12)
Why: "He is someone to look up to and is a good role model. He is just a great leader and he leads by example. He always helps me with my game too."



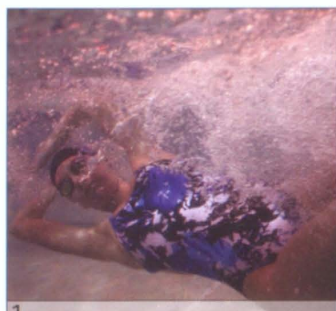
Name: Maxwell Faulkner (11)
Nickname: Chewy
Look Up To: Benjamin Sporman (12)
Why: "We have a bromance together."



Name: Benjamin Sporman (12)
Nickname: White Boy
Look Up To: Maxwell Faulkner (11)
Why: "He went from a defensive player to an all-around player that will set even better for next year."



Name: Christopher Moon (10)
Nickname: Mooney
Look Up To: Benjamin Sporman (12)
Why: "I'm going to miss him the most because I was his mini-me."



1 Alaina Willis (9) practices her backstroke during winter break practices. "Being a freshman on varsity was challenging because you had to prove yourself," Willis said. Photo by: Katie Skura



2 Alexis Palkovich (12) celebrates her last year as a swimmer. "It was fun finally getting to experience senior night after years of watching it," Palkovich said. Photo by: Katie Skura

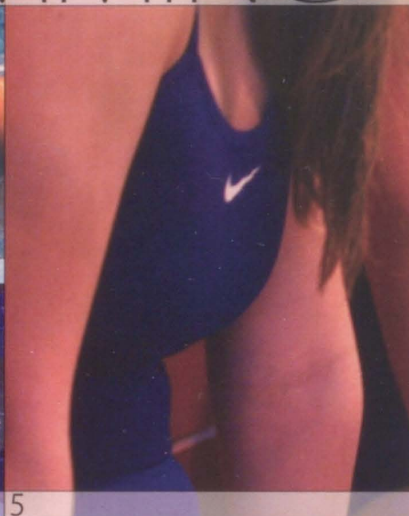


girls SWIMMING

3 Abby Studzinski (11) swims her hardest to beat Highland. "Highland isn't really competitive but it was still important to try your hardest," Studzinski said. Photo by: Megan Trincot

4 All Tharp (10) swims down her lane at her fastest speed. Tharp competed in the 500 meters. Photo by: Katie Skura

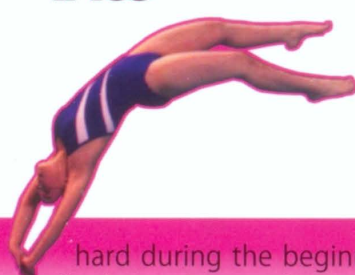
5 Elizabeth Markiewicz (9) cheers on fellow teammates. "Being on varsity as a freshmen was a great experience and I had a lot of fun," Markiewicz said. Photo by: Katie Skura



Madison Carroll (10) dives into the water at practice. The girls were required to come in over winter break for practice. Photo by: Katie Skura

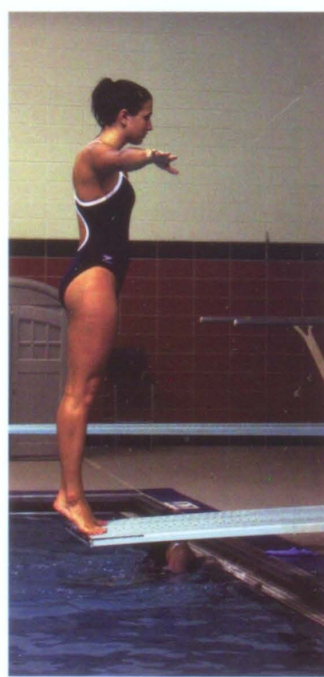


DIVE into VARSITY

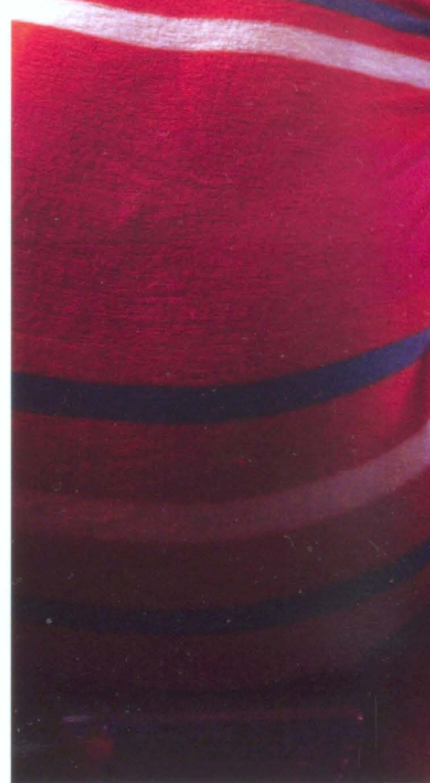


"It was hard during the beginning being a freshmen but as the season progressed it became easier. It was a lot of fun meeting a bunch of new people that I'm still friends with. After this year, I want to continue to dive all through high school,"

Madalyn Bobelenyi (9) said.



Sara Kielbisinski (11) gets ready to flip into the cold refreshing pool. Kielbisinski had a successful season as a varsity diver. Photo by: Katie Skura



SWIMMING TO STATE

Members of the girls swimming team made their way to state finals

The smell of chlorine is in the air and the motionless pool is in anticipation of the eager girls who are ready to compete for a state title. Among the girls are

six Lake Central swimmers.

The Lady Indians had the opportunity to bring home a state title.

"Getting to state is a lot of hard work. Many people don't make it. We had to practice an extra week from all of the other girls" Alexis

Palkovich (12) said.

Motivation played a major role in getting the girls down to state.

"To get to state we worked really hard. The relay I went down on wanted to make it really bad so that was a big motivation to us" Jill Tharp (10) said.

In addition, practicing with the boys made a difference in the girl's season.

"Sharing a coach was a benefit, I believe swimming with the boys motivated a lot of us to strive to keep up with them" Palkovich

said.

Differing from previous years, the girls had a relatively young team.

"There was about an even amount of upperclassmen and underclassmen this season" Tharp said.

This ratio is actually uncommon among the swim team, but the numbers had some benefits for the girls.

"The underclassmen definitely helped us this year, they are very talented," Palkovich said.

For the girls, state was not just a swimming experience.

"At state, we all went out to eat with our two coaches Smolinski and Botha. At the restaurant a man came up to us thinking we were all a family, and asked our coaches if they were actually our parents. After that incident, we ended up calling our coaches mom and dad all weekend," Palkovich said.

All the hard work paid off for Shelby Carroll (10). Carroll placed in the top sixteen in Indiana.

8 Megan Anderson
Stephanie Slevnik



Samantha Pazak (12) and Brittany Bencur (12) cheer on Alexis Palkovich (12) during the meet against Highland. When the girls weren't swimming, they gathered at the end of lanes to cheer on teammates.
Photo by: Katie Skura

6 Lanes | 5 Seniors | 3 Juniors | 1 Diving board | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 6:3 Record | 17 Varsity swimmers | 2 Coaches | 5 Freshmen

SWIMMING TERMS?

Do you know your

Individual Medley:

Four strokes are swum in the following order: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle.

Freestyle:

Performed on the stomach using alternating arm cycles and a flutter kick.

Breaststroke:

Performed while body is kept on the breast and both shoulders in line with the water's surface while arms move simultaneously.

Backstroke:

Performed while on the back, Opposite of Freestyle.

Butterfly:

Arms and legs move simultaneously together pulling through the water, like a frog.

Can you guess which three of the strokes the boys are acting out?

A.



Gilberto Barajas (11)

B.



Vladimir Beric (10)

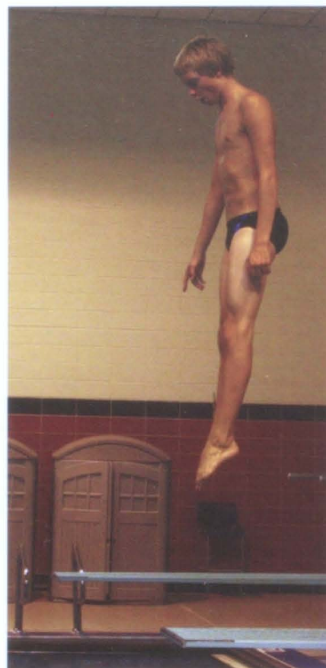
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Andrew Beeman (9)

A) Freestyle B) Breaststroke C) Butterfly

Michael Majchrowicz (11) jumps into the pool during warm ups before practice. "I love diving. Could the season have been better? Yeah, but it was a fair season," Majchrowicz said. Photo by: Katie Westlund



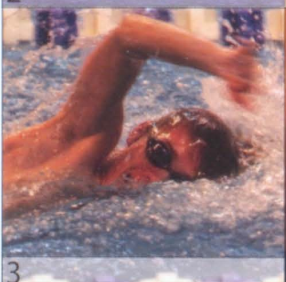
1 Ryan Hunter (12) swims the 200 yard IM during the boys sectionals meet. "I dropped four seconds overall. I beat out someone I really wanted to beat," Hunter said. Photo by: Scout Demir



2 Devon Shaughnessy (11) warms up by practicing the dive he competes with during meets. In order to get better lift on the dive, Shaughnessy adjusted the fulcrum of the diving board. Photo by: Katie Westlund



3 In a meet against Valparaiso, Ryan Bartock (12) swims the 100 free. Bartock swam this race along with a relay during his final season at LC. Photo by: Colleen McMurry



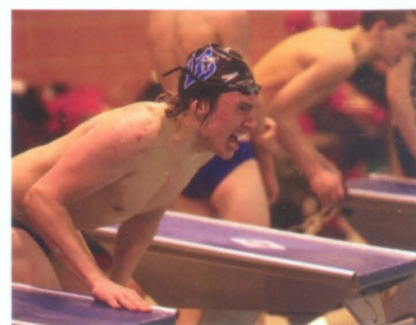
4 Justin Shields (11) reaches for the wall during swimming practice. During the holiday break, the boys had two practices a day. Photo by: Katie Skura



5 Michael Radjenovic (12) holds his award for being on varsity for three years on the swimmers senior night. The meet was against Crown Point and Mr. Todd Smolinski, Social Studies, gave Radjenovich his award. Photo by: Scout Demir

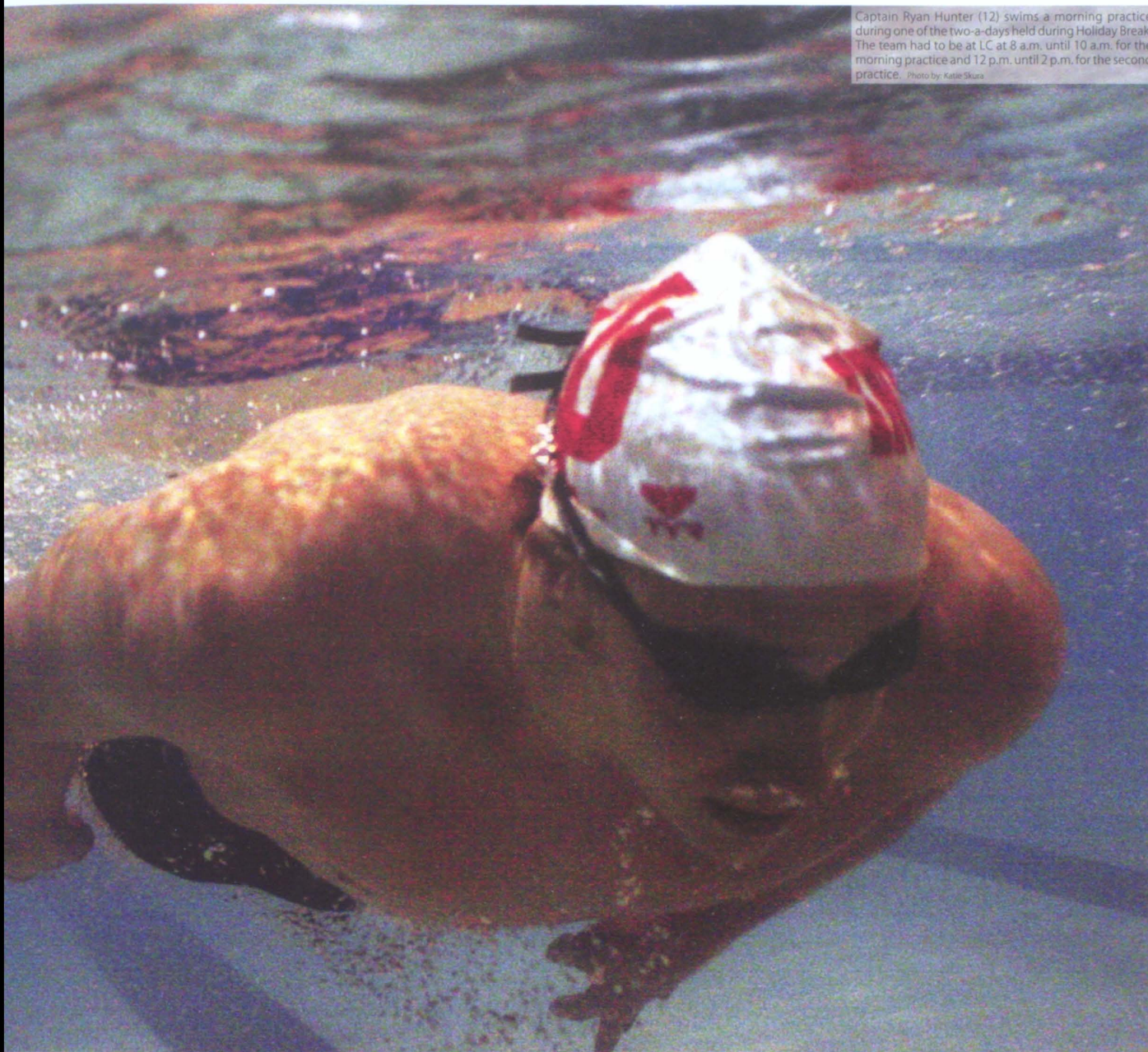


boys SWIMMING



Brian Johnson (11) cheers on his relay teammate. This was one of the biggest meets of the year, against the Crown Point Bulldogs. Photo by: Scout Demir

Captain Ryan Hunter (12) swims a morning practice during one of the two-a-days held during Holiday Break. The team had to be at LC at 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. for the morning practice and 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. for the second practice. Photo by Katie Skura



THE TOGA ENDEAVOR

Boys swim team dress up in togas for girls sectionals

The word "tradition" according to the dictionary, means, "to pass on a customary pattern or custom." Every year the boys swimming team continues to keep their ongoing tradition of dressing up for girls swimming sectionals. Each year a new theme is created and planned by boys on the team. The chosen theme is a surprise for the girls and is not revealed until five minutes before the meet starts. This year, the team decided to dress up in togas embellished with leaves to cheer on their fellow swimmers.

"Luke Paprocki (9) thought of the idea. It's tradition to dress up as something crazy. We wanted something

that didn't have too much clothing because it gets really hot in there," Ryan Hunter (12) said.

Developing the costume idea is only the first step. The next step in planning is to devise a way that would help keep the costume in one piece. The boys expressed that having a lending hand or two made a difference.

"It was one of our better ideas. We used bed sheets and some leaves for them. Some moms came over and helped us put them on. They stayed together with safety pins," Gilberto Barajas (11) said.

The day of girls sectionals could be considered a busy day for the boys swim team, considering they also had to prepare for their own sectionals.

"We had practice in the morning from 8 to 10 a.m.. Then right from practice we went to Brian Johnson's (11) house. Ryan Hunter's (12) mom was there to help us put them together. Then we all got into the car and drove to Crown Point. We just sat and waited. We didn't want the girls to see too early," Ryan Bartock (12) said.

The boys had to use what they could find around their own house or others' houses. The bed sheets they found varied in size. For some swimmers, like Michael Radjenovic (12), their bed sheet was just a little under size.

"My toga wasn't big enough and it kept falling apart," Radjenovich said.

The toga costumes were made to

sustain not only the meet but also a trip to Wendy's. Halfway through the meet, during the diving break, the boys went to the nearest Wendy's to get some food.

"Everyone put their clothes on over their togas and no one told me. So obviously, I wore my toga. When I went in [Wendy's] everyone was looking," Barajas said.

Overall, creating a new costume theme was a success for the boys swim team.

"We always want to do something guys wouldn't normally dress up as. The team tries to keep up that tradition every year. It was fun, weird and everyone was entertained," Bartock said.

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Justin Castaneda
Theodora Bairaktaris
Emily DeMario

GIRLS STRIKE AT SECTIONALS

Lady Indians make a stand at the sectional competition

The girls bowling team had a sectional win this year. According to the girls, they struggled throughout the season, but it was a major accomplishment to win.

"We practiced really hard. We meant business," Kaitlyn Galka (12) said.

The girls practiced two times a week at either Lynwood Bowl or Stardust III.

"At practices, we don't goof off. We're really serious during practices to get better. If we weren't so serious, we wouldn't do as well at tournaments,"

Kaitlyn Brokop (9) said.

Because the girls struggled with picking up spares throughout the season, they focused on that during practices, and it paid off.

"We kept our spirits positive. We didn't let the missed spares get to us as much as in past sectionals," co-captain, Katie Sexton (12) said.

The girls bonded together through their struggles and worked to overcome them.

"Not everyone was friends; we put aside our differences and worked together," Galka said.

The girls worked on teamwork throughout the season, and its effects

were shown at their performance.

"In sectionals, I definitely feel we came together as a team," Sexton said.

During the competition, the girls received support from parents and friends. Cheers like "Who are we? We are LC!" pumped up the girls to victory. According to the team, Lake Central was the loudest team there and was able to be heard across the Dyer Stardust III.

"The team was exciting, but our scores were more exciting," Galka said.

At the end of the match, the girls had a 300 point lead and found them-

selves competing with some of the top boys teams. The top five girls at the competition had the opportunity to qualify for regionals.

"During qualifying, girls and boys were in first. I really liked it because we all got out. We made top five qualifying individuals. All five were LC girls," Sexton said.

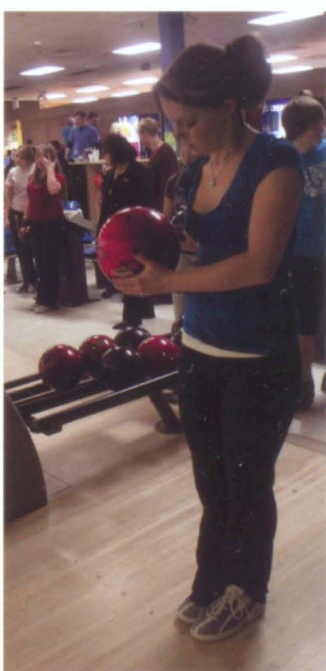
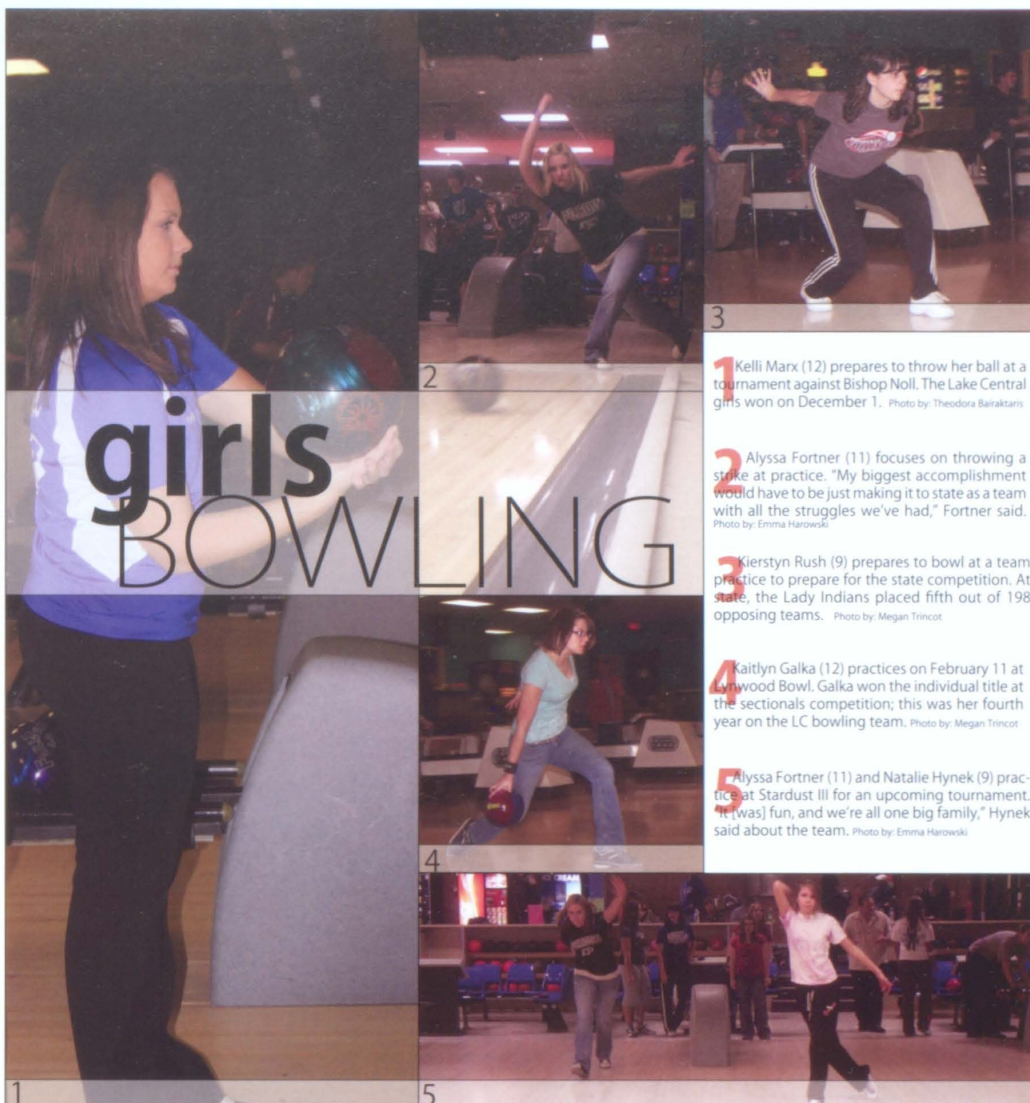
LC was represented by the girls' performances at sectionals.

"It was definitely exciting. We were happy to move on to regionals. We were happy to qualify. It was just a topper that we got first," Sexton said.

AAnna Weber
Katrina Burgos



Kayla Timmons (9) bowls in a varsity tournament. "I think the biggest accomplishment I have made this year is being able to be a freshman and bowl with the varsity team so much," Timmons said. Photo by Theodora Bairaktaris



Samantha Matusik (10) positions her fingers into her bowling ball at a team practice on February 9. The team practiced three to four times a week. Photo by Emma Harowski

Katie Sexton (12), one of the team's co-captains, practices for the state competition. "The sport itself is a lot of fun to do, and you meet a lot of people through the seasons," Sexton said. Photo by Megan Trincot

10 Girls | 4 Seniors | 3 Opposing teams in LC sectional | 4 Freshmen | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 13:3 Record | 2 Team captains | 3 Coaches | 5th Place at state


1 Kelli Marx (12) prepares to throw her ball at a tournament against Bishop Noll. The Lake Central girls won on December 1. Photo by Theodora Bairaktaris

2 Alyssa Fortner (11) focuses on throwing a strike at practice. "My biggest accomplishment would have to be just making it to state as a team with all the struggles we've had," Fortner said. Photo by Emma Harowski


3 Kierstyn Rush (9) prepares to bowl at a team practice to prepare for the state competition. At state, the Lady Indians placed fifth out of 198 opposing teams. Photo by Megan Trincot

4 Kaitlyn Galka (12) practices on February 11 at Lynwood Bowl. Galka won the individual title at the sectionals competition; this was her fourth year on the LC bowling team. Photo by Megan Trincot

5 Alyssa Fortner (11) and Natalie Hynek (9) practice at Stardust III for an upcoming tournament. "It [was] fun, and we're all one big family," Hynek said about the team. Photo by Emma Harowski



BOWLER SCORES SCHOLARSHIP




Most athletes hope their skills will be able to help them score a scholarship at their dream college.

Kaitlyn Galka (12) was offered a bowling scholarship to Valparaiso University for \$10,000.

"I didn't think it was going to be that much. I was really excited. Valpo is nice, but expensive," Galka said.

Galka plans to major in sports medicine. "It takes pressure off my shoulders because I won't have to worry about debt and can focus on more important things," Galka said.



"LC ON THREE!"

Team works together to create a great season

Besides bowling together, the team had many bonding moments.

They had parties at different team member's houses, went out to breakfast before the tournaments, and also went out to dinner after matches.

"We bond a lot at practices and tournaments. We bond just by bowling together and having fun," Cody West (10) said.

The team got closer by spending time hanging out outside the bowling alley.

"I was close with all the bowlers on the team. They were teammates, so I tried to be a good teammate," Kevin Rush (12) said.

The team had been doing well throughout the season up until the playoffs.

"The season went very well until the last week of the season when we lost the conference championship to Crown Point. Then, we had a disappointing finish at regionals," Nathan Huizinga (11) said.

The team was hoping for a better turn out at the end of the season, but it hadn't turned out the way they had anticipated.

"We started out great, but it didn't turn out how we were hoping. We got through sectionals and lost at regionals," Rush said.

The team as a whole didn't do as well as they wanted to, but certain individuals on the team made their own personal goals for the season.

"[My best experiences] were setting the high school state record for team game and series, our 300 Baker game, winning sectionals as an individual, and advancing to semi-state," Rush said.

Ryan Gorman (9) had many new experiences his first year on the team.

"My strongest moments were bowling a few games for varsity and helping our team place in some tournaments," Gorman said.

West was also a new addition to the team this year.

"It was my first year with the team. My favorite part of the season was bowling at different bowling alleys, which gave me good experience for next year. The relationship with my teammates is great. We all get along like good friends," West said.

Not only did they grow in friendship, the bowlers all worked to get better at their sport.

"We would usually go bowl a practice game to get warmed up, and then we just stood around making jokes," Huizinga said.

One thing many students on the team did was listen to music to get pumped up for the games.

"[Our pre-match rituals are] listening to the iPod to get focused, and just before we started bowling, we would do the basic, 'LC on three!'" West said.

Bowling is not included in the athletics of the school, so the team has an outside coach.

"It was cool. Our coach was well known at the bowling alley where our whole team practices in the off season," West said.

Others on the team saw having an outside coach differently.

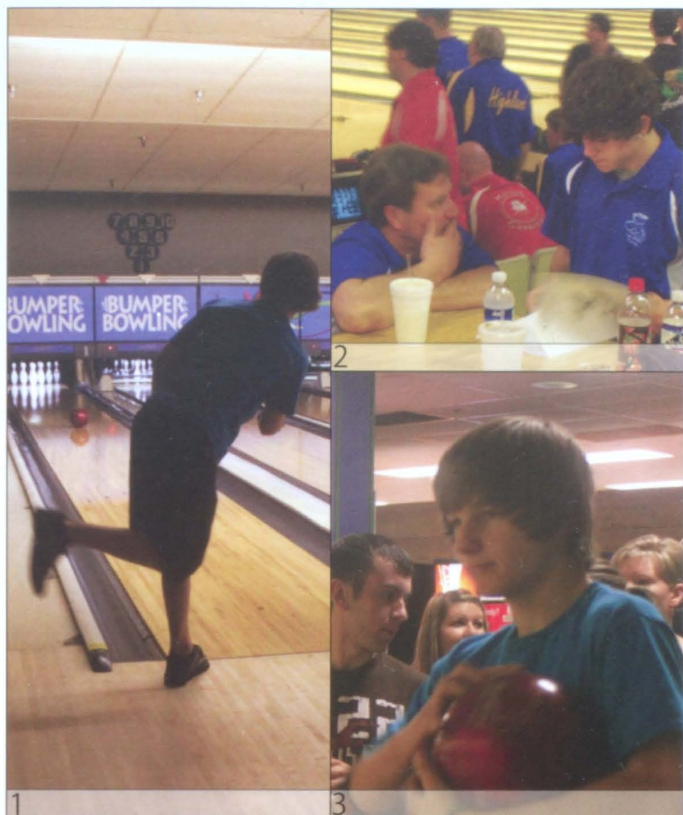
"It's nice. I didn't have anyone checking up with me at school," Rush said.

There were four team bonding parties consisted of playing Wii bowling, eating and joking around with each other. They would also talk about recent matches, and matches that were coming in the near future.

Ariele Morris
& **Sarah Stedt**

Kyle Switzer (9) waits his turn to bowl. Every bowler had a ritual as to how long they wait before walking up to throw the ball down the lane. Photo by: Theodore Baird/Staff





boys BOWLING

1 Nathan Maciejewski (9) aims for a strike during practice. The boys and girls had their practices together. Photo by: Emma Harowski

2 Zachary Maciejewski (12) talks with coach Greg Schmied. Though coach Schmied does not work at the school, he puts much of his time and effort into coaching. Photo by: Mrs. Sherry Huizenga

3 Nathan Maciejewski (9) clutches his ball, waiting for his turn up to bowl. Maciejewski was one of the four freshmen on the team. Photo by: Emma Harowski

4 Kevin Rush (12) preps for a throw during regular practice. Parents and other bowlers watched him closely. Photo by: Emma Harowski

5 Nathan Maciejewski (9) practices his throws during a practice. The season lasted from about November to February. Photo by: Emma Harowski



From a Senior's Point of View

"The only thing different [about being a senior] was I knew it was **my last year to accomplish a few goals.** The

younger kids on the team seemed to come and **ask me for help** every once in a while. I tried to keep them **positive** when they missed a spare or made a bad shot and made sure they held their head up so they could have a better second game,"

Kevin Rush (12)



Kevin Rush (12) nervously waits his turn during sectionals, while at the same time, trying to maintain his concentration. "I was just trying to stay focused," Rush said. Photo by: Mrs. Sherry Huizenga

Nathan Huizenga (11) has his hopes high during sectionals. His teammates were very supportive while it was his turn. Photo by: Mrs. Sherry Huizenga



4 Freshmen | 10 Bowling pins | 2 Sophomores | 16 Matches | 14 Wins | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 3 Coaches | 1 Junior | 14-2: Record | 3 Seniors | 4 Team bonding parties

IT ALL ADDS UP

Team finds a way to step it up, and show what they've got

Average is a word that the gymnastics team may just a b o u t n e v e r

hear again. In previous years, average would have accurately described the team's typical scores: a range in the mid 80s. However, this year's team brought forth a new tradition that left a huge impression on all of the rival schools. Perfection was evidently within their reach when the team set a record with its highest score yet of 99.6.

"I am so proud of the girls for giving it their all. They never gave up and kept getting stronger through the season," Erin Zlotkowski (12) said.

The majority of the team was composed of freshmen, so there were a lot of new faces. A new assistant coach was the final addition. According to the girls, the new coach had a positive influence on the team and pushed everyone to achieve greatness. Despite being unfamiliar with each other, the team discovered how to create lasting friendships, an ability which strengthened the bond of the team while improving work ethic. They say a family was formed from this group of girls; they were at each others' side for nearly four months.

"We are all like sisters, and I hope that will never change," Erin Zlotkowski (12) said.

The home meet at Midwest Training Center marked a turning point in

the season when the team scored the new record that topped the charts.

The girls celebrated their success by having a pasta party before sectionals. In addition, they had one practice where they played games the whole time in celebration of their new record.

The girls are planning ahead for next season by intending on having practices throughout the summer with the purpose of improving their skill levels.

"There won't be any seniors on the team next year, so the everyone has to work twice as hard," Britany Vanek (9) said.

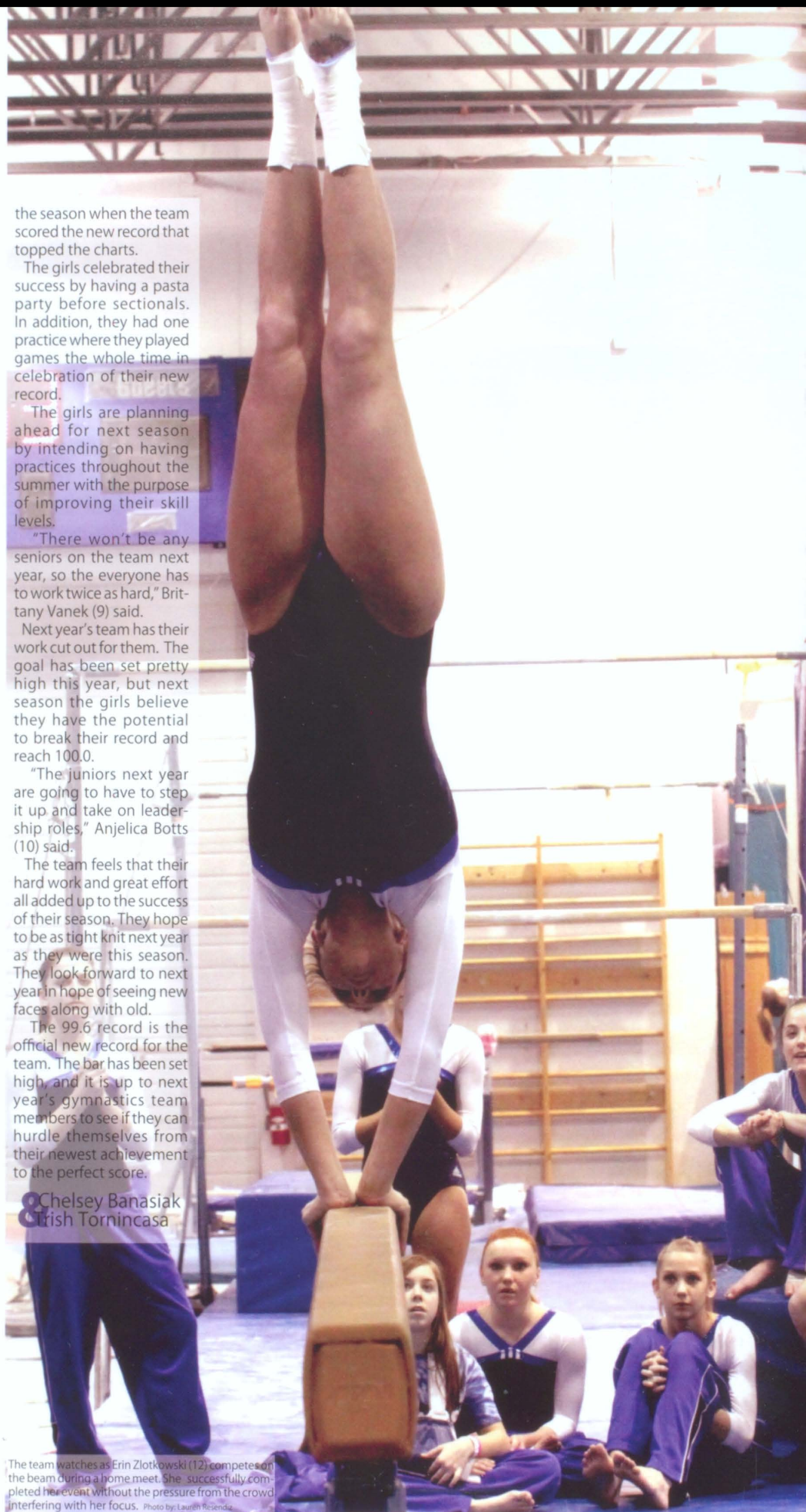
Next year's team has their work cut out for them. The goal has been set pretty high this year, but next season the girls believe they have the potential to break their record and reach 100.0.

"The juniors next year are going to have to step it up and take on leadership roles," Anjelica Botts (10) said.

The team feels that their hard work and great effort all added up to the success of their season. They hope to be as tight knit next year as they were this season. They look forward to next year in hope of seeing new faces along with old.

The 99.6 record is the official new record for the team. The bar has been set high, and it is up to next year's gymnastics team members to see if they can hurdle themselves from their newest achievement to the perfect score.

Chelsey Banasiak
Irish Tornincasa



The team watches as Erin Zlotkowski (12) competes on the beam during a home meet. She successfully completed her event without the pressure from the crowd interfering with her focus. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz



Anjelica Botts (10) takes her turn handstanding on the balance beam. Botts helped lead her team to a victory. Photo by: Elena Navarro



"Cheerleading is what kept me in shape for the gymnastics season. I never lost my flexibility or my endurance."
Ashley Carstensen (12) said.

Senior Ashley Carstensen shows her skills by doing a mount on the beam. "We had a fantastic year, and our successful home meet really proved that we were a strong team," Carstensen said. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz

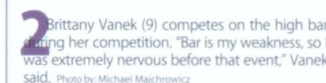
In previous years Ashley Carstensen (12) has done only cheerleading for high school, but her senior year has been consumed by both cheerleading and gymnastics.

"I like them both. Gymnastics helps me with my tumbling for cheerleading and varsity cheer keeps up my endurance for gymnastics," Carstensen said. "I had done gymnastics outside of school before cheerleading, but I quit gymnastics to do leading for high school. I wanted to do gymnastics one last time before college."

Overall, Carstensen had a busy year. She competed in all gymnastics events, was varsity cheer captain, and managed to keep up her grades.



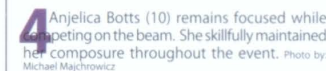
1 Haley Bartolomei (10) poses during her floor routine at the Crown Point meet. Bartolomei competed strongly in all of her events. Photo by: Elena Navarro



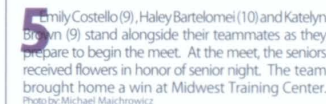
2 Brittany Vanek (9) competes on the high bar during her competition. "Bar is my weakness, so I was extremely nervous before that event," Vanek said. Photo by: Michael Majchrowicz



3 Ashley Carstensen (12) keeps her balance while doing a handstand straddle-through. Although this is her first year, she took on the challenge of competing in all events. Photo by: Michael Majchrowicz



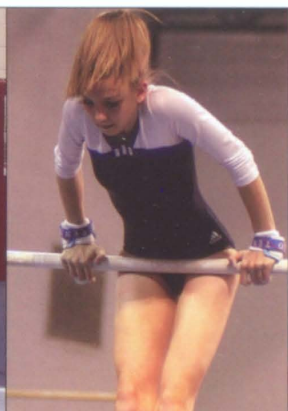
4 Anjelica Botts (10) remains focused while competing on the beam. She skillfully maintained her composure throughout the event. Photo by: Michael Majchrowicz



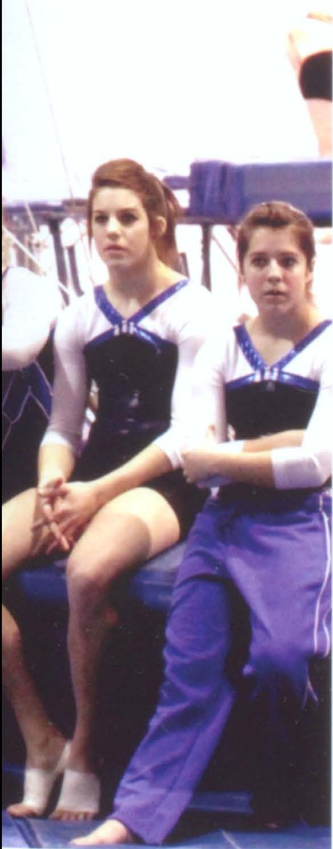
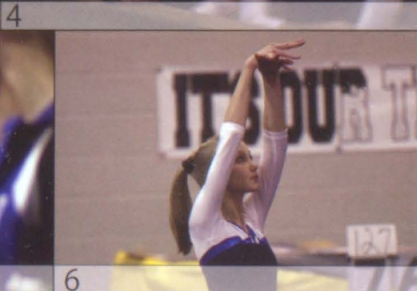
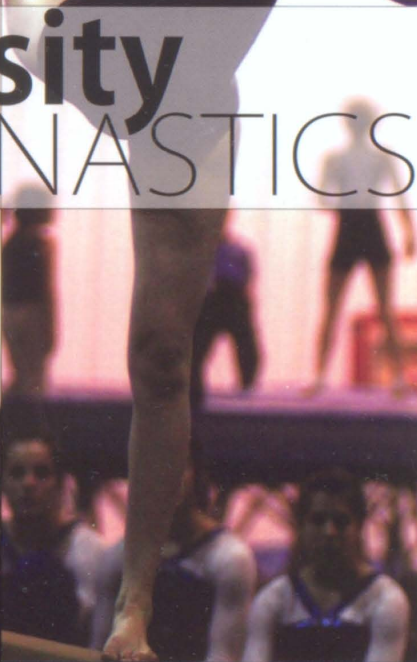
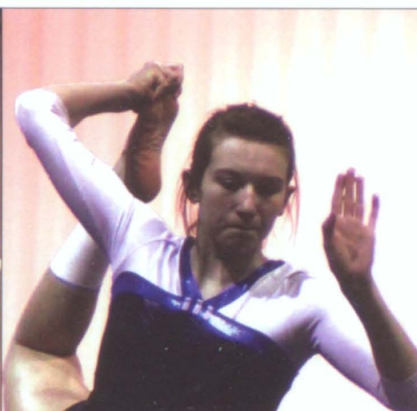
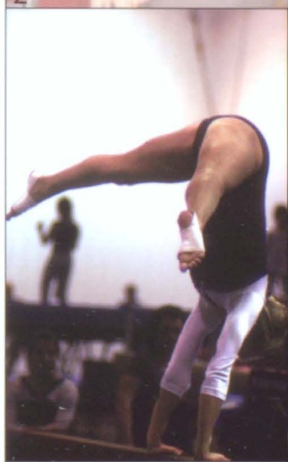
5 Emily Costello (9), Haley Bartolomei (10) and Katelyn Brown (9) stand alongside their teammates as they prepare to begin the meet. At the meet, the seniors received flowers in honor of senior night. The team brought home a win at Midwest Training Center. Photo by: Michael Majchrowicz



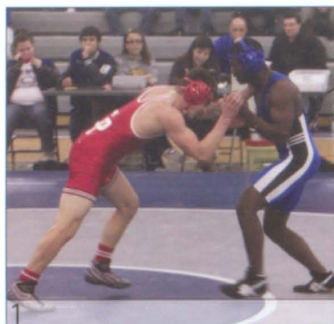
6 Brittany Vanek (9) poses at the beginning of a floor routine. After months of practice it was finally time to compete. Photo by: Theodora Bairkataris



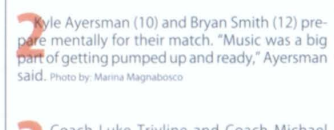
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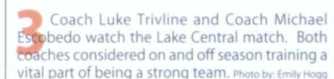
10 Girls | 2 Coaches | 5 Practices a week | 2 Sophomores | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 99.6 Best score | 4 Events- bars, beam, vault and floor | 2 Seniors | 6 Freshmen



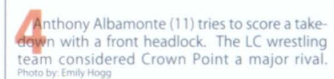
1 Kevin Dix (11) hand fights the Crown Point opponent. Dix plans on wrestling during the rest of his high school years. Photo by: Emily Hogg



2 Kyle Ayersman (10) and Bryan Smith (12) prepare mentally for their match. "Music was a big part of getting pumped up and ready," Ayersman said. Photo by: Marina Magnabosco



3 Coach Luke Trivline and Coach Michael Escobedo watch the Lake Central match. Both coaches considered on and off season training a vital part of being a strong team. Photo by: Emily Hogg



4 Anthony Albamonte (11) tries to score a take-down with a front headlock. The LC wrestling team considered Crown Point a major rival. Photo by: Emily Hogg



5 Kyle Ayersman (10) waits for his opponent to step onto the mat. Lake Central faced the Laporte Slicers in a DAC match. Photo by: Trish Tomicic



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varsity WRESTLING

Jamison Jones (11) goes into the start position during the match against Crown Point. Jones lost his overall match. Photo by: Emily Hogg



WRESTLING memories



"I'm going to miss the wrestling team a lot, we grew close over the years. We hold many memories together, and had one of the best dodgeball teams ever."

-Marc Escobedo (12)

"My favorite moment has to be beating the kid from Merrillville because he beat me three times prior to the DAC tourney. I went out there and destroyed him 12-4."

-Jose Perez (12)

"My best moment throughout my years of wrestling was actually a match this season that if I won, I would go to semi-state. In the third period my opponent was up. I came back to win. It was the most satisfying win I have ever had because it took me to semi-state, and I didn't get past sectionals my sophomore and junior year."

-Seth-Lee Basler (12)



Vlade Nacovski (12) begins the first round of three against the La Porte Slicers. "I was dominating my opponent in any way I could," Nacovski said. Photo by: Trish Tomicic

LEAVE IT ON THE MAT

Kyle Ayersman (10) takes the State Champion title

Many athletes try to follow some kind of quote to keep them motivated. For state champion, Kyle Ayersman (10), his quote, "Let it all hang out," is not what most people expect.

"It doesn't mean what you think. It means going out there and leaving everything you have out on the mat," Ayersman said.

This quote is what helped Ayersman win state champion title for Indiana.

"Before the match, I'm usually alone and don't talk to anyone for at least ten minutes," Ayersman said.

Thinking, "let it all hang out," and

listening to the song "Shots" by LMFAO is what Ayersman did during these ten minutes.

After the preparation, Ayersman stepped onto the mat, waiting to begin and listening to the silence of the crowd.

"Everyone was paying attention to that one match. I normally try to block everyone out, and only hear my coaches' voices," Ayersman said.

With some of his teammates and family members watching, Ayersman knew that he had to "let it all hang out."

"I wanted to go out there and win it, and what happened is what happened," Ayersman said.

After Ayersman won, his first action

was to scan the crowd for his coaches to see their reactions.

"They [my coaches] were going wild! Then I looked up at my section and they were jumping up and down, cheering," Ayersman said.

That night after the win, Ayersman called his best friend, James McNamara (10) to tell him the good news.

"When he first told me that night, I could not explain how happy I was. Kyle's been my best friend for 13 years, and I couldn't be more proud of him," McNamara said.

Ayersman and Bradley Wartman (11) were the only LC wrestlers to place at the state championship.

"It was a really great experience, just to be with a bunch of great wrestlers,"

Wartman said.

Marc Escobedo (12) and Brandon Lopez (10) accompanied Ayersman and Wartman to cheer them on.

"Of all the people on the team, Kyle worked the hardest. He stayed late every day," Escobedo said.

According to Ayersman and his fellow teammates, he worked very hard to earn his title.

"It [winning state] was really cool; I'm still on cloud nine! I'd like to go out there and do it two more times," Ayersman said.

8 Rachel Giese
Danielle Gioiosa



Bryan Smith (12) puts his opponent in a front headlock to win the match. "I was just out there to have fun," Smith said. Photo by: Trish Tornincasa

1 Stat girl | 5 Seniors | 10 Sophomores | 12 Juniors | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 8-11: Record | 1 State champion | 28 Freshmen | 6 Semi-state qualifiers

FROSH AT THE TOP

Four freshmen beat the odds on the varsity squad

It's their first year of high school, and most freshmen would want to blend into the mass of 3,217 students. But for Haley Loden (9), Amanda Fazio (9), Kaitlyn Moricz (9) and Alexandra Trevino (9), this is not the case. These students are the four freshmen who stand out by cheering on the varsity team.

"Being on varsity is fun, it's something new. I was a little surprised to make the team because a lot of the freshmen are on JV," Moricz (9) said. "I feel like I have an advantage."

Moricz said the upperclassmen on the team accept the freshmen despite their lower grade level. Moricz's sister, Alicia Moricz (12), is the captain of

the team, but Kaitlyn doesn't use it to her benefit.

"Alicia doesn't give me any special treatment," Kaitlyn said. "She gives me more of a hard time."

The same goes for Loden, whose mom, Mrs. Joan Loden, Math, is the coach of the squad.

"It's kind of hard to take her seriously as a coach, because she doesn't usually yell," Haley said. "People thought I would take advantage of my mom being the coach, but I get the same treatment as everyone else."

In addition to cheerleading practices, the four girls attend Midwest Training Center for gymnastics with the rest of the team every Wednesday. Kaitlyn, Haley and Fazio are also involved in track, and Haley is trying

out for softball in the spring.

"I am on the Midwest trampoline and tumbling teams, on level 10, and this is my sixth year doing travel softball," Haley said.

Between all of the extracurricular activities and schoolwork, the girls don't have much free time.

"Varsity has an extra practice on Fridays. It's a lot of our time, like every day of the week," Fazio said.

Haley said she plans to cheer for school all four years, but Fazio and Kaitlyn said they are not sure yet if they want to continue.

Despite all their time spent practicing and their hard work, the team still finds time for fun.

"The team does have a lot of fun with each other. We all just laugh at

practice," Fazio said.

The freshmen, along with the rest of the team, even try to include the coaches in their rehearsals.

"We made Ms. [Mallory] Meyers, [Math], do a standing back hand-spring when we had extra time at practice," Haley said. "We made my mom do a cartwheel too. She said it's been 25 years since she had done one."

According to the girls, being on varsity paid off with the new people that they met and the experiences they had together.

"It was worth it, we made a lot of friends," Fazio said.

Emma Harowski
& Rebecca Kimberly





The cheerleaders take a break from practice to show their school spirit. The varsity team practiced three to four days a week, with practices from two and a half to three hours long. Photo by: Ms. Mallory Meyers

Jordyn Carta (10), Meghan Janich (10) and Brit-tany Daliege (11) cheer during the Homecoming game. Despite the rainy weather conditions, the cheerleaders still supported the football team. Photo by: Emily DeMario

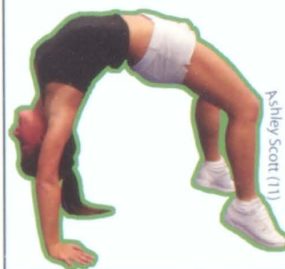


"People say cheerleading is not a sport, and it is. It's more involved than other sports at this school because not only do we have a lot of practices, we go to competitions, and we cheer at both girls and guys games."



"WE DON'T JUST CHEER..."

Ashley Carstensen (12) said.



"Cheerleading is really tiring. People think all we do is stand around and yell, but imagine flipping your body weight around 20 times a day, over and over and over. Cheerleading and football are the most physical sports, and that's a fact."



1 Bailey Loden (9), Alicia Moricz (12) and Alexandra Trevino (9) do toe touches during practice in the fieldhouse. The toe touches required a combination of flexibility and strength. Photo by: Elena Navarro

2 Brittney Brady (12) cheers during the Homecoming game. "My favorite part of cheerleading is all the friends I've made and everyone I've met," Brady said. Photo by: Emily DeMario

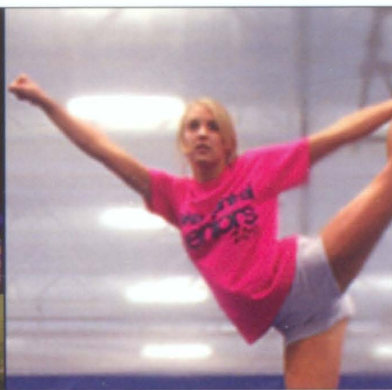
3 David Brumfield II (12) dances the YMCA with the cheerleaders at the LC fest before Homecoming. Brumfield jumped into the middle of the cheerleaders' dance circle. Photo by: Elena Navarro

4 The varsity cheerleaders perform a routine at St. Xavier University in Chicago. The team placed first in the competition. Photo by: Shannon Farrer

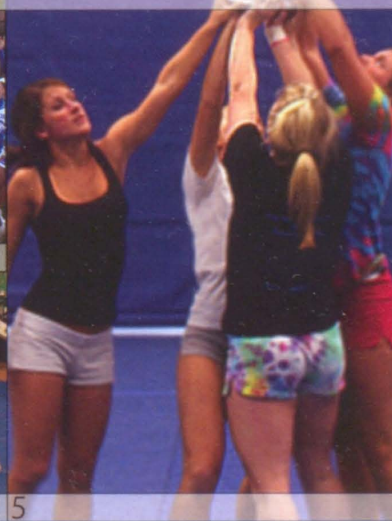
5 Ashley Carstensen (12) warms up by practicing a stunt. The team then ran through their routines in preparation for their performances. Photo by: Elena Navarro



Alexandra Trevino (9), Shannen Sebahar (10) and the rest of the varsity cheerleaders cheer at Homecoming. The varsity cheerleaders perform at every varsity football game of the season. Photo by: Gilda's Photography



**varsity
CHEERLEADING**



2 Captains | 6 Competitions | 18 Members | 4 Varsity freshmen | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 2- to 3-Hour practices | 7 Football home games | 2 Coaches

A TEAM IN 'SHAMBLES' "Therapy sessions" boost teamwork

The varsity hockey team received a lesson in teamwork this season. Coaches called for two meetings in which the players resolved some of their problems, and as a result they turned their season around.

"The season started out really badly. Everyone would get mad at each other, and we never played as a team. So basically, after an away game during a tournament, we had a meeting. We pretty much went around a circle and criticized each person," Joel Mance (12) said.

The criticism wasn't evenly spread; a few of the boys received much less than others.

"No one really said anything about me. People like me," Mance said.

The players used this first meeting as an opportunity to say how they really felt.

"When it got to you, you just vented out what you thought of the team. We got to vent our anger, and it improved our relationships with the team members," Joshua Wilkinson (9) said.

Comments weren't only directed at team members; the coaches were a part of it also.

"The coaches took a lot of criticism. Before, we just ignored the coaches' advice and disregarded what they said," Wilkinson said.

Mance did not hold back when it came to criticizing his coaches.

"I tore [the coaches] up behind their backs," Mance said. "Head Coach

Robert [Moore] was there, but I said a lot about Coach Brian [Sargeant]."

The freshmen, as new members of the team, were more likely to be unnerved by the meetings.

"Coming in as a freshman, it was intimidating. But I got less criticism, and I was treated better than I thought I would be," Wilkinson said.

The first informal meeting seemed to be beneficial, but about a month later coaches ordered a formal meeting in the LGI, and each player had to bring one parent with them.

"We got all our problems out. I didn't say anything, and neither did my parents, but the meeting really helped. Afterward, the team started to gel," Steven Monroe (10) said.

Prior to the second meeting, the team had a record of 5-17-3. After

the meeting, the players went on a nine-game winning streak.

"Our relationships got better, and we played better because we were getting along," Monroe said.

After the meetings, the better team chemistry was reinforced through their success on the ice.

"We started winning, everything was good, everyone was happy," Mance said.

The boys made it to state, but their winning streak ended when they lost their chances at the championship after tying with Bloomington High School.

"I had lower expectations. Our results ended up exceeding what I expected," Wilkinson said.

& Emma Harowski
Rebecca Kimberly





Alden Kazmierczak (11) catches a saucer pass during a game versus Portage. "Going out and hitting brings the intensity up. I play in my dad's basement whenever I get a chance," Kazmierczak said. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

Alec Joy (10) handles the puck down the rink. Joy has been playing hockey for five years and says that his favorite part of playing is scoring goals. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly



James Timmerman III (9) clears the puck out of LC's zone. Tyler Trembczynski (9) stands by awaiting a loose puck. Timmerman and Trembczynski are 2 of 7 freshmen on the varsity team. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly



1 Thomas Cameron (10) goes head-to-head with a Portage player during a game at Midwest Training Center. LC won the game 4-2. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

2 The referee talks to Stephen Borkowski (12) and Valparaiso's Steve Bowker while coaches Robert Moore and Brian Sargeant look on. The referee was explaining a penalty to the captains. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

3 Dominic Poya (12), Jeremy Jessup (11), James Timmerman III (9) and Gregory Gut (12) push Crown Point's Anthony Davis. Gut received a 10-minute penalty for the fight. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly

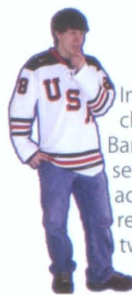
4 Ian McCambridge (12) maneuvers his way to the net to shoot. "We had a rough start, but all the hard work paid off this season," McCambridge said. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

5 Gregory Gut (12) guards the goal during a warmup before a game. Gut and Cameron McCambridge (10) are the only two varsity goalies. Photo by: Rebecca Kimberly



"I definitely felt like a celebrity,"

Stephen Borkowski (12) said.



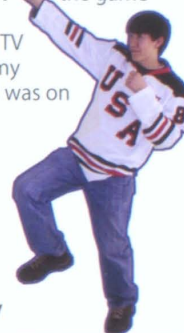
In January, Stephen Borkowski (12) was chosen to be the Chicago Blackhawks Harris Bank Player of the Month. Borkowski was selected based on his hockey performance, academic success and community service. He received four tickets to a Blackhawks game, two plaques and a chance to be seen by thousands of people. "It was an amazing feeling to step out onto the ice in front of over 20,000 people," Borkowski said. A clip of him playing hockey was shown twice at the game on the JumboTron. "I got to sit on the boards and see my highlight. I was on TV twice and they showed me receiving my plaque and they read my biography. It was on Comcast SportsNet," Borkowski said.

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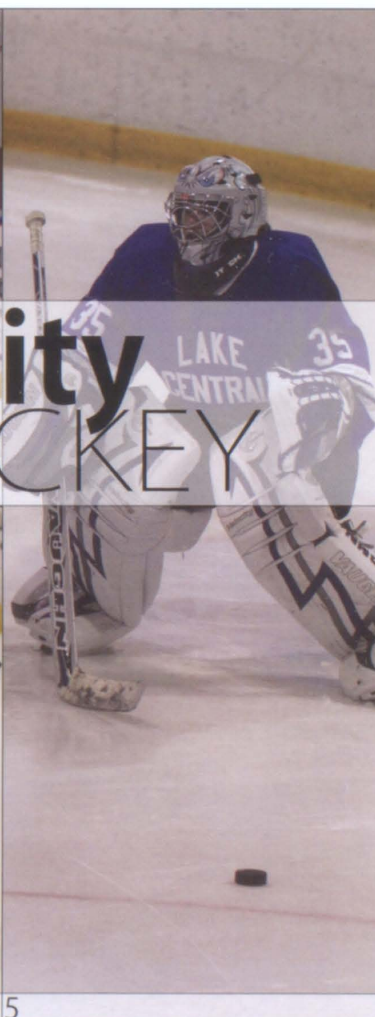
43 goals

18 assists

5 years playing hockey



varsity HOCKEY



Can you match the Centralettes to their



Catrina Penna (11)



Courtney Severin (12)



Racquel Mazer (12)

1. "Coco"

2. "Rocky"

3. "Tree"

NICKNAMES?

The Centralettes practice their hip hop dance routine. While varsity practiced, junior varsity watched.
Photo by: Aniele Morris



The varsity Centralettes dance their jazz routine at the Kahler Middle School Dance Competition. The theme for the jazz routine was based on the movie *Defiance*.
Photo by: Theodora Bairraktaris



1 Crysta Crothers (11), Courtney Severin (12), and Racquel Mazer (12) perform a stunt during a hip hop routine. The Centralettes took this stunt out of the routine and replaced it with a more difficult one. Photo by: Jennifer Gamboa



2 Kellie Butler (12) finishes up the varsity hip hop dance routine. Butler was a captain for Centralettes this year. Photo by: Jennifer Gamboa

3 Mary Genovese (12) performs the hip hop routine at a home basketball during halftime. "I like hip hop because it's fun and energetic," Genovese said. Photo by: Sophie Chatzianreou

4 The Varsity Centralettes practice at M2 Dance Center. Both junior varsity and varsity practiced together. Photo by: Aniele Morris

5 Chelsey Banasiak (11) and Crista Pyrz (11) take a break during a dance practice at M2 Dance Center. The team practiced every day for around two to three hours. Photo by: Aniele Morris



Catrina Penna (11) performs her hip hop routine at halftime during the Crown Point basketball game. "The best thing about Centralettes are the friendships and the competition season," Penna (11) said. Photo by: Michael Robinson



DANCE IN THE DARK

Centralettes dance to a controversial topic

We have shed enough blood, choose another people; our revenge is to live."

These lines may be best known in the movie *Defiance* but this year, the varsity Centralettes create a new meaning in their jazz routine.

Defiance is based on the true story of three Jewish brothers, the Bielski brothers. The brothers escape into the woods while their homeland in Poland was taken over by a Jewish massacre during World War II. The brothers begin to battle against the Nazis. The Bielski brothers save more than 1,200 Jewish lives by allowing

them to live in the woods.

"In the movie the Jewish people stand up against the Germans. In our dance we are portraying those defiant Jewish people," Courtney Severin (12) said.

The idea of such a theme may give viewers the wrong idea. However, there is no doubt the varsity Centralettes are turning heads in a good way.

"People like it, they like the intensity of the dance," Kellie Butler (12) said.

The Centralettes are known for creating new ideas and setting the examples for dances such as hip hop and jazz for other schools.

"Lake Central is known for being different, being the first and bringing new things to Indiana dance teams.

This year our dance is very intense and full of strength," Severin said.

The routine includes quotes from the movie as well as fast paced music. The outfits the Centralettes wear for this routine are black leotards with yellow Stars of David on their arms and serial numbers down their legs. The dance ends with the girls ripping off their Stars of David.

The varsity Centralettes have been receiving lower scores than they normally do for this jazz routine.

"From a dance aspect, we have been getting what we feel are low scores. but hopefully by state we can bring it up," Severin (12) said.

"From what some audience members tell us, our jazz performance gives them chills, in a good way. We

thought some might take offense but we are supporting those who fought for their lives," Severin (12) said.

The Centralettes hope to maintain their titles they have worked diligently to earn. This year, the Centralettes' hip hop routine is related to the phrase, "We Run This."

Our theme for hip hop is "We Run This" because we won state last year in hip hop and we want to defend our title. Every song in our hip hop has the phrase," Butler said.

Whether the Centralettes are performing stunts in their hip hop dance or conveying a message in their jazz, they always put forth their best effort as a team.

&Theodora Bairaktaris
Michael Robinson

The wait is over for the weight lifting club

THEY'RE GETTIN' SWOLL

It's 2:09 on a Friday afternoon and the school bell rings. A crowd of 3,217 students files into the hallways, excited for the weekend. As students head to the busy parking lot, a club of 25 heads to the weight room.

The weightlifting team practices every Friday for two to three hours, and is led under the instruction of Coach Joshua Redden.

"We compete all over the state of Indiana and Illinois for local competitions, and once an athlete totals enough weight they compete all over the country and even the world," Redden said.

This is the first year that the weightlifting club has been active. As a new team it faces many challenges, like being recognized by the IHSAA.

"I plan on working with several weightlifting coaches throughout the state to get weightlifting as a recognized IHSAA high school sport," Redden said.

Getting the club recognized as a sport could take anywhere from five months to even a year.

"I like competition and I like to see how strong I am compared to other people in the state," Peter Doukas (10) said.

In addition to the weightlifting club, many of the members also participate in other sports. Weightlift-

ing provides the athletes with more strength and increased sports performance.

"Weightlifting makes me faster, stronger and more confident. Improving strength and speed for wrestling is why I joined the weightlifting club," Connor McShea (9) said.

Not only does weightlifting have physical benefits, it also builds brotherhood among athletes.

"The main thing we say during practice is 'get swoll!' When someone tries to do a heavy weight, or a 'max out set,' we try to motivate them," Doukas said.

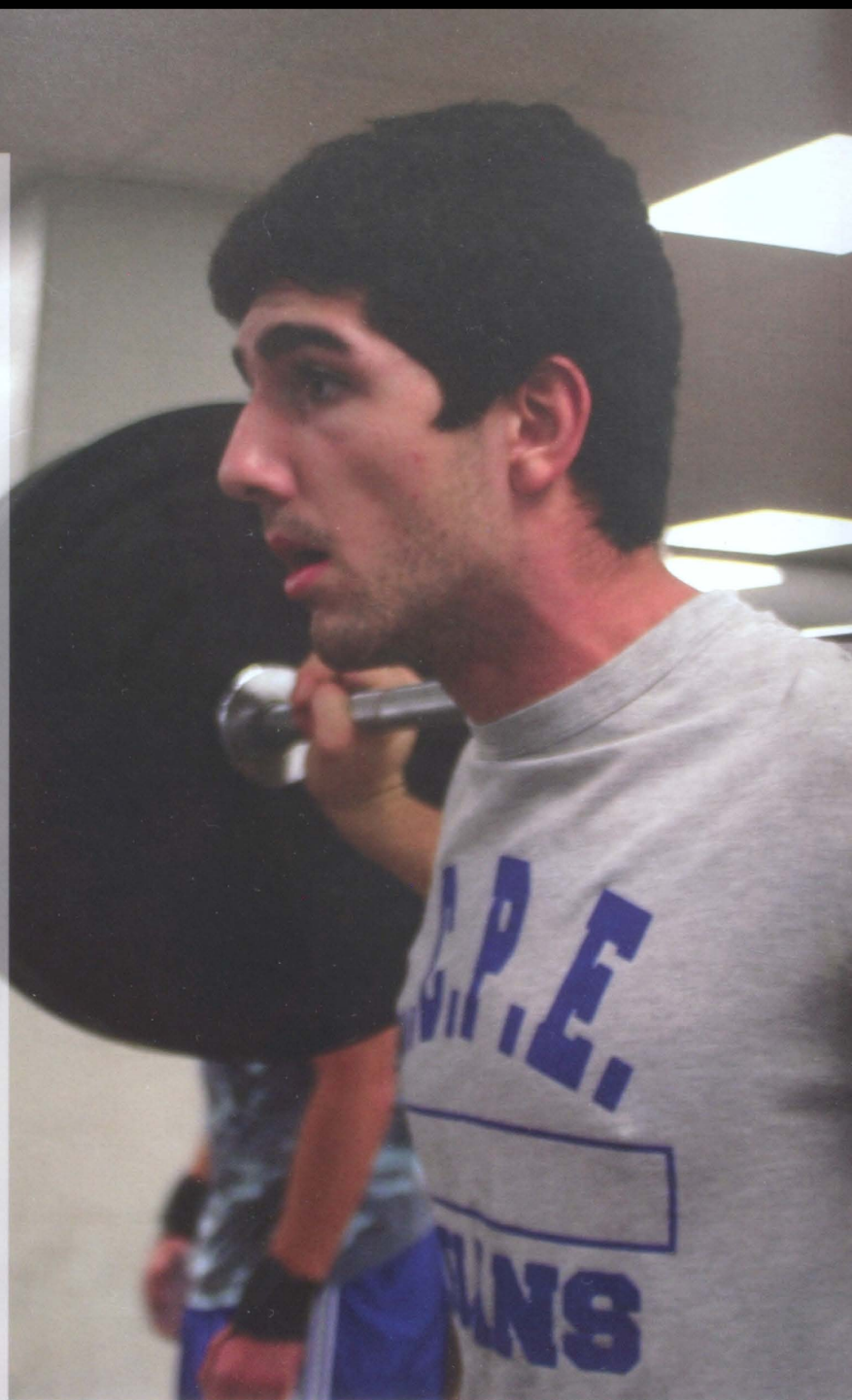
This term, "get swoll," refers to students' needs to get bigger, or to increase in muscle mass.

"Since you are training with your teammates all year round, you build a brotherhood with them. You go through ups and downs together and that's what builds a bond," Ryan Frick (11) said.

The weight lifting team is officially brand new; however, the members have been lifting together for a much longer time.

"This isn't the first meet we've attended. It will be the first meet we've attended as an organized team. My freshman year we attended the state meet at Crown Point, and we got meet PR's [personal records]," Frick said.

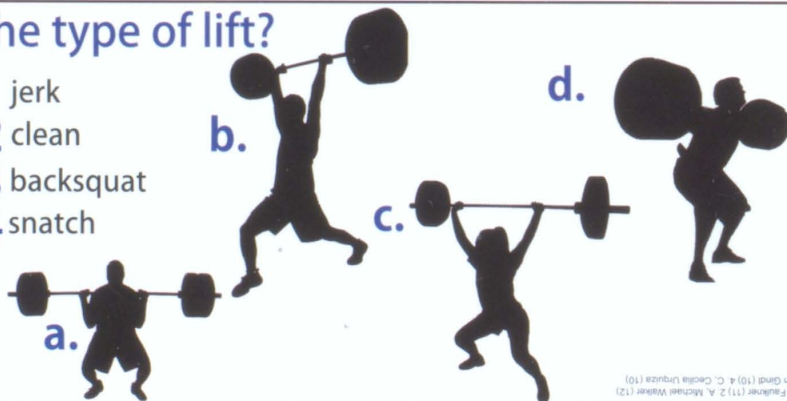
by Rachel Giese
Anna Weber



can you guess

the type of lift?

- 1 jerk
- 2 clean
- 3 backsquat
- 4 snatch



Answers:
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3. B. Max Faulstich (11) 4. C. Cecilia Linquiza (10)

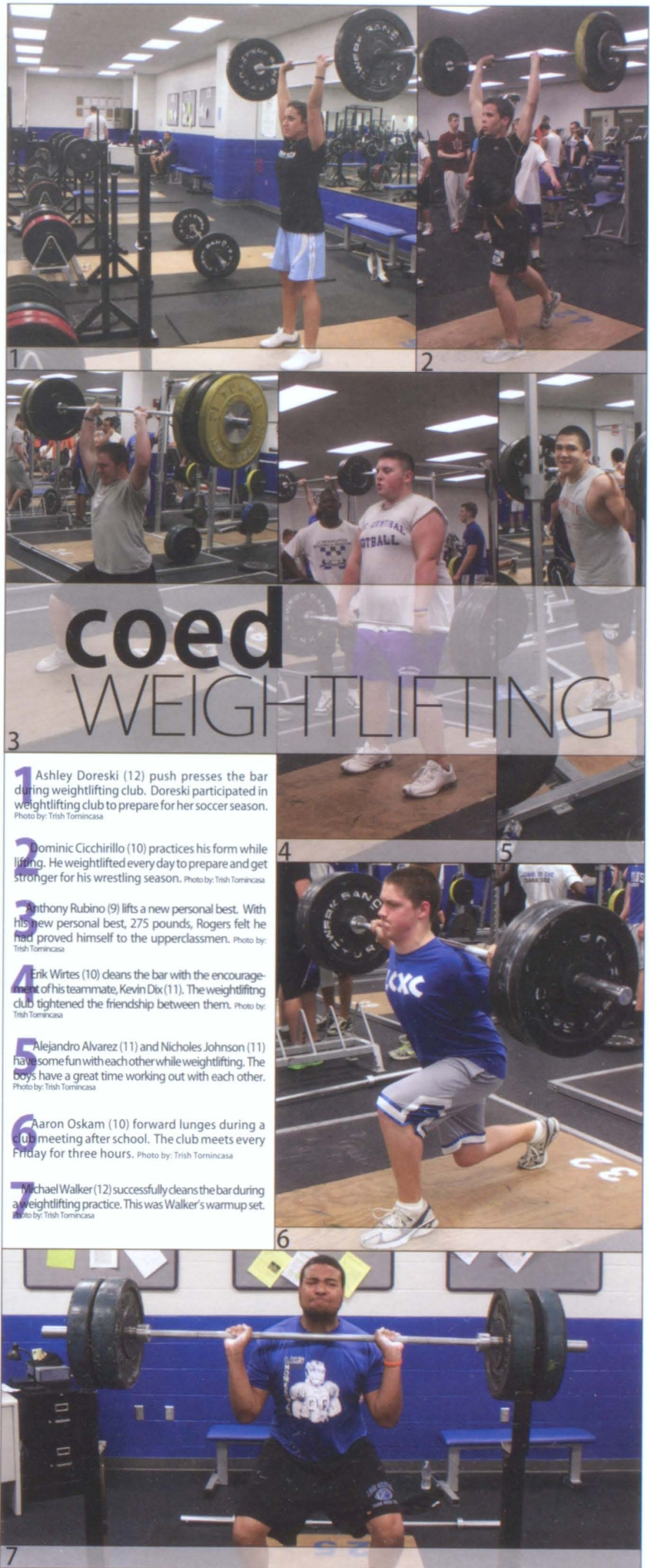
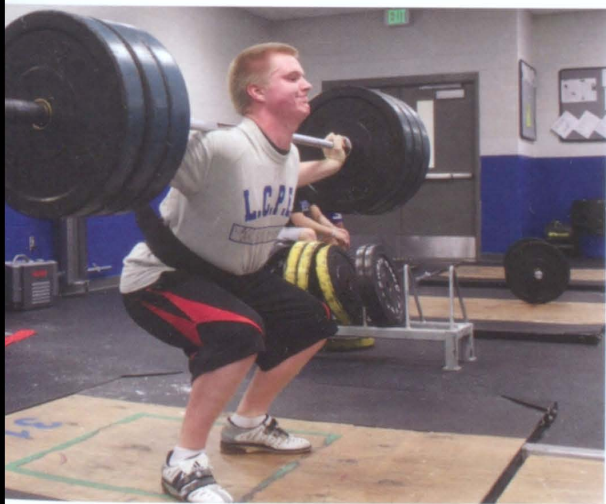


Nicholes Johnson (11) cleans 255 pounds. The weightlifting room was silent as other lifters watched Johnson intently. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

Ryan Gindl (10) back squats 315 pounds. "Weight lifting benefits you because it makes you stronger, faster and a better all-around athlete," Gindl said. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa



Ryan Frick (11) back squats during his daily workout. "I've been weightlifting since eighth grade. I love getting swoll 25 hours a day!" Frick said. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak



1 Ashley Doreski (12) push presses the bar during weightlifting club. Doreski participated in weightlifting club to prepare for her soccer season. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

2 Dominic Cicchirillo (10) practices his form while lifting. He weightlifted every day to prepare and get stronger for his wrestling season. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

3 Anthony Rubino (9) lifts a new personal best. With his new personal best, 275 pounds, Rogers felt he had proved himself to the upperclassmen. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

4 Erik Wirtes (10) cleans the bar with the encouragement of his teammate, Kevin Dix (11). The weightlifting club tightened the friendship between them. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

5 Alejandro Alvarez (11) and Nicholes Johnson (11) have some fun with each other while weightlifting. The boys have a great time working out with each other. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

6 Aaron Oskam (10) forward lunges during a club meeting after school. The club meets every Friday for three hours. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

7 Michael Walker (12) successfully cleans the bar during a weightlifting practice. This was Walker's warmup set. Photo by: Trish Tomincasa

1 Holly Sobun (10) completes a breaststroke during practice. The JV swim team practiced every day after school for two hours. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz

2 Megan Bereda (10) shoots a free throw after being fouled. Bereda's free throws were a major contribution to the team's win. Photo by: Rachel Giese

3 Brittany Vanek (9) performs her floor routine during a competition against Crown Point. The gymnastics team considered them a rival. Photo by: Theodora Bairaktaris



just a three sport athlete?

off the court with
Nicole Adams (10)
sports: basketball, softball, volleyball
favorite foods: chicken patties, tater tots, Pascal's pizza, Ramen noodles
hobbies: cooking, swimming, reading, watching television and movies, watching the 'Double L Production's' videos
hardest classes: Algebra 2 Honors and Biology Honors
favorite music: Tokio Hotel, Cash Cash, Lady Gaga
role model: Brooke Polus (12)

"I love to cook. Sometimes I go to Rachel Giese's (10) house and bake chocolate-chip cookies without chocolate. They are so good."
Nicole Adams (10)

A brief look into a team's motivation

FIST PUMPS & PASTA PARTIES

Whether it's fist pumping in the locker room before a game, having pasta parties, or celebrating holidays with the team, each team has a special way to get motivated and "pumped" for an event.

"My teammates keep me motivated because I don't want to let them down," Nicole Adams (10) said.

The JV girls basketball teammates motivate their "sisters" by giving them a treat bag with a motivational quote before every game.

"We were assigned big/little sisters to look over us. I have Carolyn Sandrick (11) as mine and she has become my role model. She really is like a big sister for me," Megan Bereda (10) said.

Before every game, the "sisters" can be found "fist pumping" in the locker room to get everyone pumped up.

The basketball team isn't the only team that has "sisters", the JV girls' swim team also follows this tradition.

"We usually give each other motivational letters, snacks, and we always cheer each other on," Caitlyn Walters (10) said. Simply the thought that people are counting on her pushes Walters to try her best.

"Motivation is something that keeps you going when you just want to give up. Coach Lindsay Botha, Mathematics, is one of the best motivations ever. None of us could make it through a season without her," Walters said.

The team also pumps up before a meet to try and reduce their nerves.

"We play games and sing karaoke. We always have good attitudes with everyone and joke around. On

Friday morning practices, we always blast music and sing and dance with everyone," Walters (10) said.

The JV Centralettes team counts on their coach, friends and family to motivate them during a performance, but they also recall past performances to get motivated.

"We always stretch and warm up together as a team. We get in a huddle and talk right before we perform," Madeleine Hiemstra (10) said.

The Centralettes team holds fundraisers through the year to help cover expensive costs.

"The fundraisers really bring us together. It's a time where we aren't getting ready to perform and we are more relaxed and ready to have fun," Hiemstra said.

For the gymnastics team, motivation involves a lot of cheering, intensity, and screaming.

"We never stop screaming! We yell things like 'Let's Go!' and just cheer for them from beginning to the end of their routine," Darian Cooper (9) said.

Their high intensity levels bring them together as a team. The roots of their close bonds start at practice.

"We have a great time at practices. We work hard, but we still have time to make each other laugh, and we always cheer for someone when they're trying a new skill," Cooper said.

In what sport, motivation is each players use to push themselves to achieve their goals.

"If there's no motivation, then there's no need to try. When you set a goal for yourself, you push yourself harder to achieve that goal. Motivation is key to any athlete," Bereda said.

8 Rachel Giese
Danielle Gioiosa

Hillary Campbell (10) fights off Michigan City players as she shoots the ball. Campbell helped her team achieve a victory by scoring six points.
Photo by: Rachel Giese



Girls JV Winter



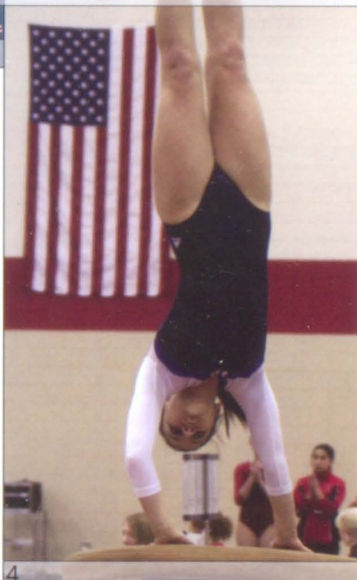
1 Devin Moore (12) practices her backstroke. Along with the two hour practices after school, the JV swim team practiced in the morning every Friday. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz

2 Lindsay McClain (9) performs with the centralettes during a boys' basketball game against Crown Point. They practiced during games for upcoming competitions. Photo by: Theodora Bariaktaris

3 Nicole Adams (10) dribbles the ball down the court attempting a breakaway layup. The girls defeated Portage. Photo by: Rachel Giese

4 Haley Bartolomei (10) backflips off of the vault during a competition against Crown Point. She scored highly, and it added onto the team's overall score. Photo by: Elena Navarro

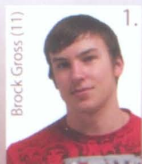
5 The Centralettes strike a pose during one of their routines. They performed their hip hop routine for the crowd. Photo by: Jen Gamboa



5 Gymnastic events | 4 JV girls sports | 2 Hour swimming practices | **JUST THE NUMBERS** | 16 JV centralettes | 18 JV swimmers | 10 JV basketball players | 3 JV gymnasts

Can you **guess** which **athlete** plays? — which **sport**?

a. basketball b. wrestling c. swimming d. hockey



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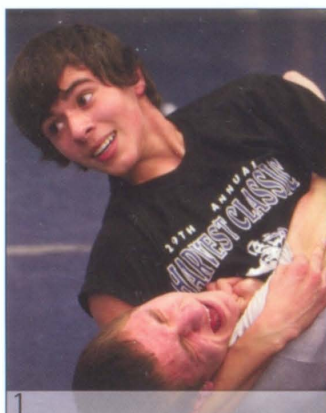
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JV BASKETBALLPLAYER

Daniel Paschen (10) plans on making Varsity within his next year of high school.

"I finally dunked for the first time this season, so it was pretty exciting.

Highland is a good team, but we came out strong to have a good victory. We were tied up to the second quarter and pulled through. I have a lot of fun with the team and felt good winning that game [against Highland] because we've had a nice winning streak. This season has gone pretty well," Paschen said.



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1 Brandon Lopez (10) and Darius Arriaga (9) wrestle each other at practice. With the season coming to an end, the team held wrestling matches and soccer games against each other. Photo by Emily DeMarco



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2 Srđan Kurbalija (12) walks through balloons and underclassmen swimmers. "I'm happy with this season. It was really good, but short," Kurbalija said. Photo by Scout Demie



3 Austin Eatinger (9) shoots a free throw in a game against Merrillville. The boys ended the game with a win in a rough session of overtime. Photo by Emily DeMarco



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4 Ryan Burvan (9) runs across the court in attempt to score a point for Lake Central. The game was against Merrillville and was won by the Indians. Photo by Emily DeMarco

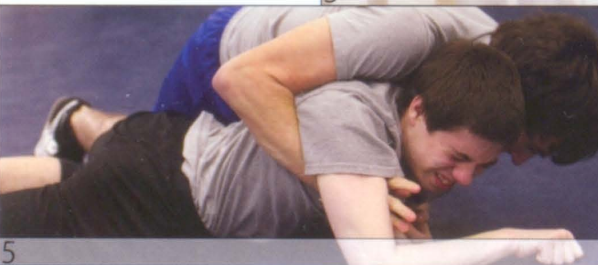
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5 Phillip Cohn (10) and David Otano (9) wrestle each other at practice after school. Toward the end of the season, the team started to have fun practices and joke around more. Photo by Emily DeMarco

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Daniel Paschen (10) jumps for a rebound score against the Highland Trojans. LC ended up winning with a score of 44-36 after being tied for half of the game. Photo by Elena Navarro



T

he life of a Lake Central swimmer can get pretty rough. It's been said that swimming a mile is the equivalent of running four; it's assuredly a more difficult task. It takes controlled breathing, physical determination and a well-set mental will, mastering movement through water. And with having to be at school at 5:30 a.m. and stay after school until 4:30 p.m., a person can become exhausted. The boys JV swim team push themselves to prove that they have what it takes to be on varsity.

"You have to put your whole life into swimming. It's a lot of work and I look up the varsity swimmers," Aaron Tanis (10) said.

Many students have high hopes for continuing and working harder in their next year or so. When you put your life into swimming, it can affect other aspects in your life.

"I love swimming. It's such a good way to meet people. It's not hard this year, but next year I want to be on varsity. I bet it will get harder," Tanis said.

Although it is difficult to work for that varsity spot, swimmers' love and dedication spring from various places. For some students, like Brandon Stefano (10), it comes from his boredom after school and need to exercise. For others, it comes from other members on the team giving their support, day in and day out.

"It would really pump me

up when captains would give speeches before every meet. I beat all of my personal records and it was great," Tanis said.

With the extreme amount of dedication that swimmers put into their sport, school work can become a problem. It is essential for any student to find a balance between person activities and school work.

"It is hard to find that balance. It's hard to get all your homework done when you're so tired after practice," Srdjan Kurbalija (12) said.

After the balance between a school work, swimming and a social life is found, the swimmer can focus more on landing a spot on varsity. Almost every JV athlete aspires to be on varsity. It takes even more dedication and love to attain that spot.

"At the end of the season I got pulled up to varsity. I was on JV all year. When I found out it was the happiest day of my life. I had a lot of lettering times at the end of the season. Next year I'll be on varsity. I'm so excited," Stefano said.

With the JV swimming season at an end, the boys look back and reminisce on the memories and record breaking times they had. With hopes high and dedication at its best, the boys' wishes to attain a spot on varsity will show next year, when they jump back into that pool and swim their hearts out.

"I'm happy with this season. But there's always room for improvement," Kurbalija said.

& Emily DeMario
Lani Castaneda

MOVE ON UP JV swimmers tell about their season and what it takes to move up to varsity

TWO PEAS IN A POD

What it's like to be on the same team as your sister

Not only are Sarah Ranieri (12) and Kaitlyn Ranieri (10) sisters, but they are teammates as well. Sarah has been playing softball since her freshman year, and Kaitlyn joined her on varsity this year. And not only do the girls live together, but they spend endless hours on the field together for games and practices.

Sarah has been playing softball for a grand total of ten years, and currently plays on third base for the Indians.

Kaitlyn has been playing for eight years and currently plays center field.

"I love [playing on the team with Sarah]. We have a lot of fun together. Sometimes we get a little competitive but I love always having her there. She's my number one fan!" Kaitlyn said.

The two girls say they never get tired of each other and are easily best friends. Although they think most siblings would get sick of seeing each other so much, they're happy to say they never hold grudges against each other.

"Sometimes we fight, but they are never bad or last long. It's only out of frustration or anger with the game," Sarah said.

The softball team acts as a focal point for the girls, who both bond and vent over the game.

"I love playing on the team with Kaitlyn. We get along so well and it's like having a best friend on the team. We help each other and support each other," Sarah said.

Although Sarah is the older of the two and has been playing two years more than her sister she still looks up to Kaitlyn.

"Even though she is younger she helps me and pushes me and I like having her around," Sarah said.

Kaitlyn also looks up to Sarah for motivation and support.

"She is a great player and I have always looked up to her and I wanted to be as good as her," Kaitlyn said.

Sarah says every single memory she and her sister share is as important as the next, so no single memory is better than another.

"We have too many memories to count. I can't pick a favorite because we always have fun together," Sarah said.

Kaitlyn agrees.

"Every memory with Sarah is a good one," Kaitlyn said.

As far as the girls are concerned, the entire team is like a family. Just because all of the girls aren't biological sisters doesn't necessarily mean they don't feel like sisters.

"Although Sarah is my real sister, Jessica Haskins (11) has also been like a sister to me. I've known her since I was five or six and I have always looked up to her like a sister," Kaitlyn said.

Altogether, the girls say the softball team is like one giant family.

Jessica Moore

Brooklyn Tucker (10) throws a pitch during her game against Portage. Tucker started this season off as a member of JV, but has been moved up and is now part of the varsity team. Tucker has been playing softball for nine years and pitching for eight years. This is her second year on varsity. Photo by Brittany Gzesik





1 Marissa Maluchnik (9) runs to first base after hitting the ball. Maluchnik played in the infield during the season. Photo by: Kim Feder

2 Alyssa Gallegos (11) slides into home during a game played against LaPorte. The girls won the game against LaPorte. Photo by: Kim Feder

3 Bigail Rauch (9) warms up before the Lowell game by pitching the ball on the side. Rauch was one of the only two freshmen on the varsity team. Photo by: Katie Skura

4 Samantha Terry (11) hits the ball during a game against the Merrillville Pirates. Terry was one of the catchers for Lake Central. Photo by: Cameron Sweeney

5 Nicole Adams (10) prepares to hit the ball in her game against LaPorte on April 15. Adams played catcher and infield during the season. Photo by: Kim Feder

6 The girls gather around Coach Erin Zeller during a home game against LaPorte. Zeller was the assistant coach of the girls varsity team. Photo by: Kim Feder

7 Jessica Haskins (11) catches a ball as her opponent slides into second base. "Our team is very unique. Ranging from age 14 to 18. We've learned to come together despite the age differences," Haskins said. Photo by: Katie Skura



varsity SOFTBALL



Kimberly Moreland (11) warms up the pitcher, Bridget Boyle (10) on the side during the Lowell game. The girls always worked together to help each other. Photo by: Katie Skura

Kaitlyn Ranieri (10) catches her opponents ball in the outfield. Ranieri played against Portage on April 27th. Photo by: Jessica Moore

NEW COACH — new experiences



"We want to carry on the LC softball. Coaches [Tom] Linger and [Keith] Hauber have laid the foundation, and we're trying to build upon that,"

Mr. Jeff Sherman said.

Let's see what the girls have to say....



"We have a different lifting program this year, which we do on some practice days and before most games. I have had to adapt to each coach's methods."

Nichole Szczerbowski (12) said.



"We also have a better dynamic stretching routine. I was stressed because I had to show him I was good enough to pitch on varsity. Then I pitched a perfect game and got my confidence back."

Stephanie Mikolajczyk (12) said.



"We are confident in ourselves, and we push each other to finish practices strong. I am becoming a smarter catcher. I am able to help out the defense by calling out plays in certain situations."

Samantha Terry (11) said.

DOG PILING THE BULLDOGS

The boys face off against their long-time rivals

The home game started off favorably. At the time, LC was ranked third; Crown Point was first, and the Indians were in the lead well into the sixth inning. The sun was shining and it was warm outside, and wind gusts were clocked up to 40 miles-per-hour. Starting pitcher Jacob Harrison (12) kept losing his hat.

James McNamara (10) was on the mound in the seventh inning. Crown Point's senior first baseman and three-hitter, Jeff Limbaugh, was up to bat. Little did everyone know, the final inning was set to become erratic.

"It was the longest home run I've ever seen. By Coach's estimate it was 470 feet," catcher Brian Crider (12) said.

Limbaugh hit a "bomb" that sailed past the outfield and tied the game. Joshua Negele (11) approached the batter's box next.

"Negele hit a routine fly ball but the wind carried it over the fence, which put them in the lead," Cody Dykema (11) said.

It seemed that everything was turning around for the boys. Crown Point's back-to-back home runs turned the game from a winning 11-9 to a losing 12-11.

Before the game, the boys energized each other in preparation for what they anticipated to be one of the most impor-

tant games of the year; they were ready for something like this to happen.

"For the entire game we were just pumped up beyond all means," Frank Pluskota (12) said. "We were winning 9-2 in the fifth, and then they decided to start winning. We had only one more chance to come back."

The bottom of the seventh was the team's last chance. The first up to bat, Max Majchrzak (12), struck out. After him, Brandon Cloutier (11) hit a double. Henry Siedentopf (11) walked, and Samuel Pattison (11) was pegged. The bases were loaded, there was only one batter-up left.

Stephen Letz (11) grabbed his bat and headed to home plate.

"I think everyone expected us to

be demoralized after Limbaugh and Negele, but we came back and battled," Crider said.

Letz struck a base hit to left, the game winning hit; Cloutier ran home, followed by his three teammates. Letz ran around the bases and came back to home victorious and greeted by his team.

"There was just a massive dog pile. I didn't have a voice; there was a lot of yelling," Crider said.

To commemorate the game, the coaches gave the seniors a photograph of the scoreboard of the game against Crown Point with pictures capturing highlights throughout the game.

"We made a memory of it," Crider said. "It was probably the best game of the year."

Chris Perez



The team "dog piles" Samuel Pattison (11) on his return to home base in the game against Crown Point. Pattison, Stephen Letz (11) and Cody Dykema (11) all hit home runs during the game. Photo by: Jessica Moore



1 Henry Siedentopf (11) stretches to catch a ball on first against the Portage Indians. Although Portage took first base, LC won the overall game. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz

2 Henry Siedentopf (11) bats against Highland. Siedentopf helped bring his team to a victory over Highland. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

3 Frank Pluskota (12), Jake Harrison (12) and Brian Crider (12) talk pitching strategy during a time-out. The boys lost the game against LaPorte. Photo by: Elena Navarro

4 Frank Pluskota (12) dives back into first base from a lead off in the game against Highland. Pluskota's slide kept him in the game. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

5 The team huddles together before a game. The boys bonded and helped to motivate each other as the season went on. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

6 Brian Crider (12) runs to first base in the game against Crown Point. The boys beat their rivals both home and away this year. Photo by: Jessica Moore



varsity BASEBALL



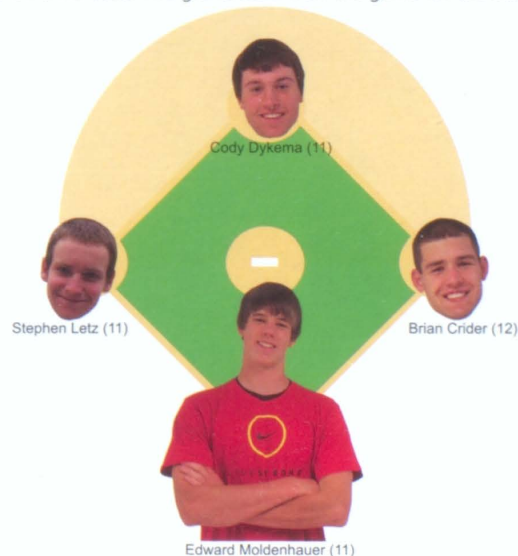
James McNamara (10) prepares a pitch against LaPorte. Although the Indians lost the game against the LaPorte, the loss would prove to be one of the only losses in the season. Photo by: Elena Navarro

Jacob Harrison (12) pitches against the Highland Trojans on April 9. The Indians pulled through with a 12-2 victory. Photo by: Chelsey Banasiak

The Grand Slam

"Highland has been my personal rival since little league. It was awesome to hit a walk-off grand slam versus them, but I was just happy we won the game," Edward Moldenhauer (11) said.

Moldenhauer's grand slam would be the only grand slam of the season. When it was hit, Brian Crider (12) was on first base, Cody Dykema (11) was on second base and Stephen Letz (11) was on third base. The grand slam won the game for the Indians.



7 Innings

2 Varsity coaches

20 Hours of practice per week

JUST THE NUMBERS

18-3 :Record

3 Seniors

2 out of 2 Wins against rival Crown Point

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

Newbies on the tennis team bust a move for initiation

It started as any pasta party would, with laughter and plenty of carbohydrates, but it ended with an unforgettable Freshman Initiation.

The first team pasta party was held at Anna Weber's (10) house, and doubled as freshman initiation night for the girls' tennis team.

"We split up the freshmen into small groups, picked a funny rap song, made them make up a 30 to 40-second dance and then perform it in front of the team," Samantha Tarrant (12) said.

All the new members of the team were sent into the backyard with an assigned song to create their dances. The seniors judged these dances and chose the worst dancers to suffer through more embarrassment.

"This year we made the losing team rap to a popular song," Emily Peppin (12) said.

Angelique Whitehead (10) and Vanessa Olson (9) were chosen as the losers. Whitehead had to participate in the initiation even though she is not a freshman because she was new to the team. The girls were given five minutes to come up with a rap to "How Low" by Ludacris.

"It was the single most embarrassing thing I have ever had to do, but I had a blast doing it," Whitehead said.

This was the second year doing the dance-offs for freshman initiation.

"We came up with the idea last year at a pasta party, and we thought we would keep the tradition for this year too," Peppin said.

Even though the seniors are given the chance to torment the newbies, they don't take the opportunity to do something too mean.

"I think it's clean fun that gives the team a chance to bond and have a good time," Tarrant said.

The seniors this year never had to endure the embarrassment as freshmen.

"The seniors didn't do freshman initiation when we were freshmen, so I never had to do anything," Peppin said. They didn't bring freshman initiation back until they were upper classmen.

"Of course we weren't going to mention it, as freshmen, but we wanted to bring it back when we were juniors," Tarrant said.

The lower classmen aren't totally against it though.

"I like what the upper classmen had us do. I can't wait until it's my turn to tell the lower classmen what they have to do," Whitehead said.

The upper classmen helped usher in a season for Whitehead, but she looks forward to future years on the team and the seniority that comes with it.

"It's an experience I can never forget. It's fun to do, and it's fun to watch," Whitehead said.

Allie Mender





Volleying, Erin Myers (12) warms up for her match; Myers plays number one doubles with Lauren Ashenbrener (11). The two pulled out in a tough win in the third set. Photo by: Anna Weber

Samantha Tarrant (12), Randi Kass (11) and Ashley DeSantiago (11) sit together at a team pasta party. The team's pasta parties were held at Emma Harowski's (11) and Anna Weber's (10) houses. Photo by: Emma Harowski



senior NIGHT



Senior night is the night of the last home match. Each senior's name is called, and they each have a chance to tell about their favorite moments of the year. Then, the freshmen give gifts to the seniors as a parting gift. "I got a tie blanket that had my college colors on it. I also got a picture frame with a picture of the team in it," Erica Yothment (12) said. The senior night match was an overall win against Merrillville for the team. "The last match was really intense. Sam Tarrant and I fought really hard to win in three sets. It was one of the longest matches I've ever played," Erin Myers (12) said.



Mr. Bryan Szalonek, Emily Peppin (12), Valerie Hill (12), Jill Sanders (12), Mrs. Vivian Velasco, Erica Yothment (12), Erin Myers (12), and Samantha Tarrant (12).



1 The team waits along the sideline while their coaches announce the line up for a match. The coaches do this every match, and the girls walk by and get high-fives and encouragements from the rest of the team. Photo by: Anna Weber

2 Lauren Ashenbrener (11) warms up her backhand before the match with her opponent from Crown Point. "Keeping a positive attitude helped us win a tough match after losing the first set," Ashenbrener said. Photo by: Anna Weber

3 In a match against Merrillville, Erica Yothment (12) grabs an easy win. This is Yothment's fourth year on varsity. Photo by: Anna Weber

4 Anna Weber (10) steps up and plays number one doubles with Lauren Ashenbrener (11). "Playing doubles takes a different mindset than playing singles," Weber said. Photo by: Jacquelyn Brazzale

5 Valerie Hill (12) plays number two doubles in the match against Crown Point. This is Hill's first year on varsity. Photo by: Anna Weber

6 Emma Harowski (11) approaches the net in an attempt to make a drop shot against her opponent. Because of injuries on the team, she had to move up to third singles varsity. Photo by: Anna Weber

7 Samantha Tarrant (12) serves up a point during the third set of the Merrillville match. Tarrant and her partner Valerie Hill (12) grabbed the victory after a grueling three-set match. Photo by: Anna Weber



Emily Peppin (12) lunges for a volley during the Crown Point match. Peppin, captain of the team, won her match. Photo by: Anna Weber



girls TENNIS

Varsity to a Tee:

Practice **5** days a week,
at least **2** hours a day.

"If we don't have a match, we
practice. We spend at least
two hours practicing.

A lot of those
guys practice
until dark,"

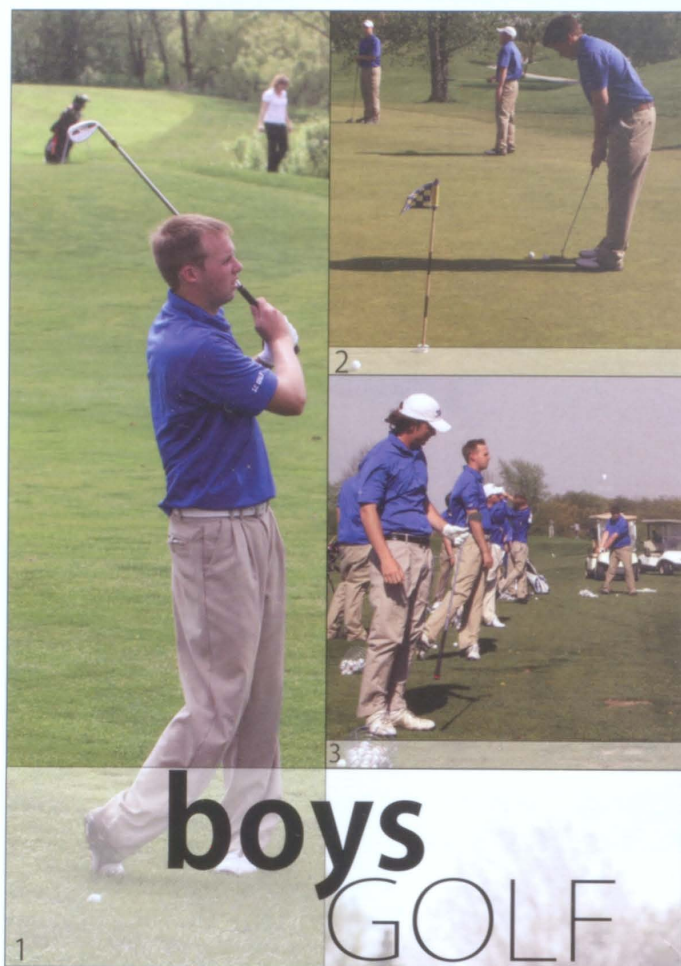
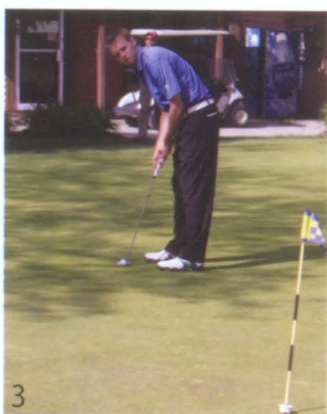
**Coach Mr. John Sch-
neider, Social Studies,
said.**



1 Adam Groat (12) practices his putting on the tenth hole. Groat practiced with teammate Kameron Caldwell (11) for their matches against Merrillville and Chesterton. Photo by: Megan Anderson

2 Matthew Barenie (12) walks to the halfway point at the LC invite at Palmira Golf and Country Club. Weather conditions were in the team's favor that day. Photo by: Jen Gamboa

3 John Gruszczuk (12) puts the ball into the tenth hole. He practiced his putting to improve his game. Photo by: Megan Anderson



boys GOLF

1 John Gruszczuk (12) takes a swing during the LC Invite at Palmira Golf and Country Club in Cedar Lake. After he hit the ball, onlookers cheered for his good swing. Photo by: Jen Gamboa

2 Matthew Barenie (12) practices and sets up a putt during practice. Barenie practiced with his teammates for future matches. Photo by: Emily Hogg

3 Vincent Barker (12) and John Gruszczuk (12) practice at Palmira. Barker and Gruszczuk lined up with their teammates and worked on their swings. Photo by: Emily Hogg

4 Vincent Barker (12) tries his best to drive the ball as close to the ninth hole as possible. Barker's initial drive sent him into the rough. Photo by: Jen Gamboa

5 Michael Barenie (10) tries to estimate the distance from his first shot to the hole. Barenie strategized his putt before he completed it. Photo by: Jen Gamboa



The lower the number the better

A DIFFERENT KIND OF DRIVE

The boys varsity golf team are working hard on their drive this year. It's

not the drive as in their stroke that they are working on; it's their motivation that they are getting down to a tee. Since most of the boys have never played on varsity before, they have developed their own sources of determination to prove not only to themselves, but to their team as well, that they are varsity material.

Although this year's varsity team is considered to be fairly young, seeing as there are only four seniors on the team, the boys quickly came to find out that age really is just a number. In golf, the lower the number the better, and what the younger team members lack in experience, they make up for in determination.

"It's different. I was on JV last year, I played with a lot of better players, and now I'm playing every day, expected to shoot better, and there's more pressure to perform better," Michael Barenie (10) said.

The boys are gaining experience each time they play and practice, and they practice a lot. Even though golf is more of an individual sport, the members of this year's team do not advance without the help of their teammates.

"We don't have as much experience, but the guys who do have experience have been really good lead-

ers and have helped the younger and less experienced players out," Coach Mr. John Schneider, Social Studies, said.

For some players such as John Gruszczyk (12), motivation roots from a past teammate that the team will never forget.

"I play for Tyler [Graves 1991-2009]. Sophomore year I tried out with him, and he was the person I was closest to. I wear his initials on my sleeve," Gruszczyk (12) said.

Whatever their motivation is, the boys try their hardest, no matter how intense it may get.

"The level of play is a lot more intense, the fact that it is varsity means something, and I try to round my game as best as I can," Kameron Caldwell (11) said.

When under pressure, the team says that they come together to turn the intensity into motivation through practice.

"We have a lot of dedicated guys on our team. Yesterday we played the number one team [Valparaiso] and we beat them. I think we are slowly getting better. I think that winning that match gave a lot of the guys confidence and that's the most important thing," Matthew Barenie (12) said.

No matter how old each player may be or what his motivation is, every golfer brings something to the team that adds up in the end. The varsity boys show their dedication through all of their practice and their positive morale.

Jen Gamboa

Kameron Caldwell (11) concentrates on the direction of the putt that he is about to make. The match was against Merrillville and Chesteron. Photo by: Megan Anderson

A FIGHT TO THE FINISH

LC takes charge over Munster

With a loud screech, a hush fell over the field as the P.A. system came on. The girls track team was awaiting the Sectional Track Meet results.

"In second place... Munster with 148 points, and first place Lake Central with 179 points," the voice over the loudspeaker said.

Standing on the field, no one could ever forget glancing up in the stands as the team burst into screams and cheers. A goal had been reached; they had won sectionals for the 19th year in a row.

"[When the team won] I felt a total relief come over me and the jitters go through my body. Winning felt so good! It tasted better than a slice of red velvet cake," LeVisa Evans (10) said.

Prior to the meet, Munster High School had declared they would beat LC and win Sectionals ending the Indian domination at sectionals.

"I was really irritated that Munster thought they could just come in and take our win," Dayna Less (10) said.

Halfway through the meet, it seemed Munster was going to achieve their goal because they were ahead by 10 points. The team was not about to let Munster take away their sectional title.

"I thought to myself, 'Oh

my God this isn't possible. Mr. [Ron] Frederick is going to be P.O.ed at us and we need to pick it up,'" Evans said.

As many of the girls know, Mr. Ron Frederick, English, constantly scores the meet as the night goes on.

"I like that Mr. Frederick kept us updated throughout the meet because it kept us focused and cheering," Elizabeth Tegtman (10) said.

The 4x400 meter relay is always the last race of the night. The relay team consisted of Alana Eatinger (11), Katelin Smeirciak (11), Shannen Reynolds (12) and Andrea Alvarez (10).

"I knew I had to push myself in the 4x400 to win it so we didn't get second," Alvarez said.

The team pulled out a victory in the final race. This points from the race tied up the score with Munster.

With points from previous races, LC had topped its rival Munster. By doing this, the girls track team had won sectionals for the 19th consecutive season.

"Winning was unbelievable! Nineteen is such a strong number and I'm happy to end my senior sectional on that," Samantha Stewart (12).

The team qualified for regionals once again.

"I'm hoping to advance to state after regionals and medal at state with the 4x800 relay," Anna Kacius (11) said.

Rachel Giese
Anna Weber

Shelby Carroll (10), Dana Payonk (12), Jill Tharp (10) and Anna Kacius (11) celebrate a win at a race at Crown Point High School. They earned a new personal record. Photo by: Rachel Giese





girls TRACK

1 Kaitlyn Moricz (9) participates in a long jump. Moricz broke the freshman record by 10 inches the first time she competed in a meet. Photo by: Rachel Giese

2 Megan Plenus (12) competes in the Carthage College track meet. The top two people in each event traveled to Kenosha, Wisconsin, during spring break to participate. Photo by: Rachel Giese

3 Crystal Kirchhoff (10) runs a relay race at Crown Point High School. Kirchhoff not only participated in track, but she also played soccer in the fall. Photo by: Rachel Giese

4 Dana Payonk (12) runs the 800-meter relay race against Merrillville and Michigan City. Payonk finished her season undefeated. Photo by: Rachel Giese

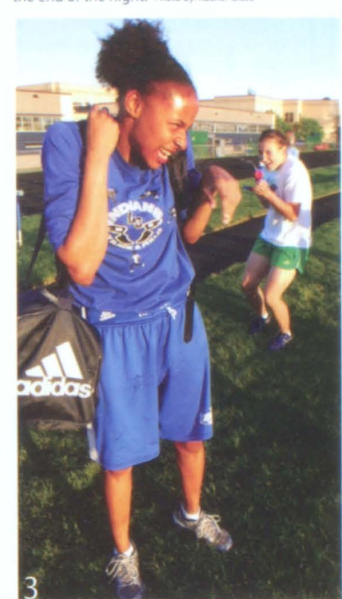
5 Kristina Hemmerling (12) runs the 100-meter hurdles race. Hemmerling's race time was the third fastest in LC history. Photo by: Rachel Giese



1 Elizabeth Tegtmann (10) laughs as she gets sprayed with silly string by her fellow throwers on senior night. This was the night where all seniors on the team were recognized. Photo by: Rachel Giese

2 Katherine Krull (10) flies a "blue smurf" kite she received on Senior Night. The throwing team members were considered the smurfs of the team because of their warmups. Photo by: Rachel Giese

3 Katherine Krull (12) sprays LeVisa Evans (10) with a water gun she received on senior night. The seven seniors sprayed the underclassmen with water at the end of the night. Photo by: Rachel Giese



UNDEFEATED seasons



"I was undefeated in the 800-meter race. I'm pretty proud of myself. It's a big accomplishment since it's my second year running this race."

Megan Plenus (12)



"I was undefeated in the 100-meter dash. It's a big improvement since I also broke the school record."

Andrea Alvarez (10)



"I was undefeated in the 200-meter dash. I feel like I improved from my freshman year to my junior year and I'm pretty stoked for my senior year."

Isis Thomas (11)

"I was undefeated in the 3200 run. I'm proud but I didn't get to run against my biggest rival, Laicee Pierce from Crown Point."

Dana Payonk (12)



SIGNALS SHOW SUCCESS

The boys track team focuses on bonding to benefit in the race

If Jeffery Trembacki (12) wants to win a 4x8 relay, he makes sure his verbal, mental and physical communication with Kyle Uzubell (10) and the rest of his relay team are in sync. With their heart beats racing and their breathing blocking their ability to talk, the two use their eye contact with each other to know what to do.

When it comes to the point where Trembacki runs down the home stretch on his last lap and

hands off the baton to Uzubell, they think back to their previous practices and remember to run in pace together. If at any point their communication is off, the chances of winning or even placing high in their 4x8 relay decreases.

"When you're running, you only concentrate on two things: running your best and handing off the baton to your partner the best way possible. Since you can't really talk while running, I usually nod my head to let them know when to start running for the hand off,"

Trembacki said.

This same "unspoken" form of communication isn't just important for the relay runners to know; the entire boys track team uses this. From the end of February until the beginning of June, they spend six days a week for almost three hours each day devoting themselves to keep their connections with their teammates strong.

"One of the most important things I've learned through track is that good communication will always benefit what you're doing.

It helps us learn to how we're doing, what to do and what not to do," Gilberto Barajas (11) said.

Just by the wave of a hand or the nod of a head, each jumper, hurdler, sprinter, distance runner, thrower and pole vaulter can let his teammates know what's on his mind. The close bonds last throughout the entire year, both on and off of the track, where the critical point is only a split second.

Elena Navarro
& Caitlin Kowaleski



Jeffery Trembacki (12) hands off the baton to Kyle Uzubell (10) during the 4x8 relay race at their track meet. Their relay team that day won second place and also consisted of Erik Plesha (11) and Jonathan Sommer (12). Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

Randall Trembacki (10) leaps over the 42-inch hurdles during the 110-meter hurdle race against Merrillville. In only his second year, Trembacki is one of the top runners competing in sectionals.

Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

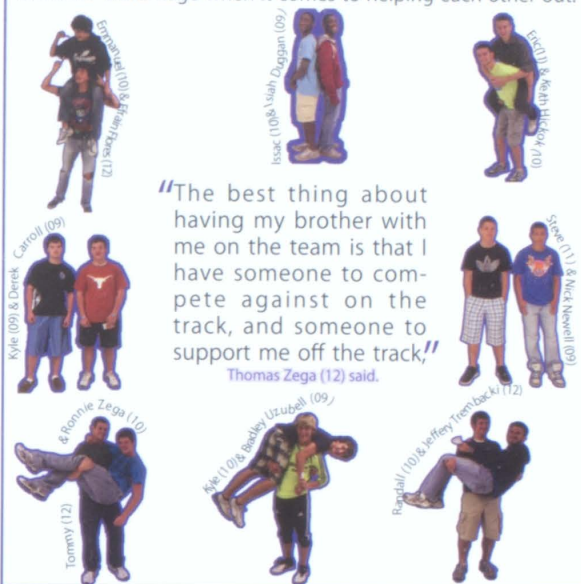


Efrain Flores (12) and Erick Bisson (12) take a cool down lap after their warm up run. They have both been on the same track team since they were in middle school. Photo by: Elena Navarro



BROTHERS IN ACTION

Eight sets of brothers on the varsity boys track team have an "at home" advantage when it comes to helping each other out.



"The best thing about having my brother with me on the team is that I have someone to compete against on the track, and someone to support me off the track," Thomas Zega (12) said.



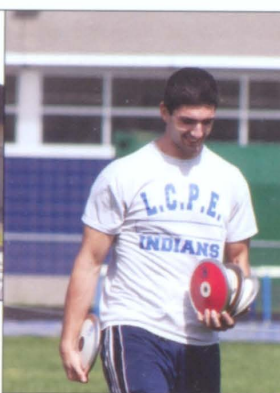
1 Thomas Zega (12) jumps over the bar set at 6'3" at Merrillville. Zega has been high jumping for three years, and took first place with this jump. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

2 Ryan Frick (11) walks back from picking up the discs he just threw at practice. "I don't just throw because I like it. I do it because I can't imagine my life without it," Frick said. Photo by: Elena Navarro

3 Justin-Cory Nesbitt (12) leads the track team in warm-ups in order to prevent injury while practicing. After the regular season ended for the boys, the top qualifiers in each event went on to practice for conference. Photo by: Trisha Tomicasa

4 Adam Karcz (12) and Nolan Mancera (12) race against each other in the meet with Merrillville and Michigan City. Mancera's biggest rival for the past three years has been Karcz. Photo by: Stephanie St. Amour

5 Drew Vos (10) hangs upside down while holding his body weight during practice. Vos is a pole vaulter and uses this drill to help improve his strength. Photo by: Elena Navarro



boys TRACK

6 Lanes | 4 Coaches | 172 Feet: Ryan Frick's (11) average throw | JUST THE NUMBERS | 19 Seniors | 5 Field Events | 4 Boys to a relay team



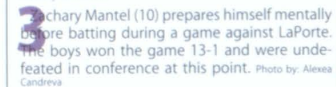
1 Nicholas Kellams (9) pitches the ball against the Valparasio Vikings. The Indians were down by eight and came back for a victory. Photo by: Jennifer Gamba



2 Mitchel Bouma (9) runs the mile in a meet against Chesterton High School. Bouma has run the mile since middle school and when he entered high school got his best time of 5:40.00. Photo by: Katie Skura



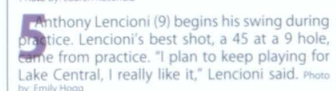
3 Zachary Mantel (10) prepares himself mentally before batting during a game against LaPorte. The boys won the game 13-1 and were undefeated in conference at this point. Photo by: Alexea Candreva



4 Kyle Crawford (9) runs the 100-hurdle sprint. The meet was against the Munster Mustangs. Photo by: Lauren Resendiz



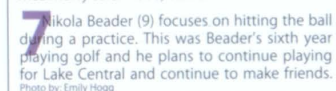
5 Anthony Lencioni (9) begins his swing during practice. Lencioni's best shot, a 45 at a 9 hole, came from practice. "I plan to keep playing for Lake Central, I really like it," Lencioni said. Photo by: Emily Hogg



6 Colleen McElmurry (11) stands waiting for her match against Highland to begin. "This match was more of a challenge for me and my partner," McElmurry said. Photo by: Scout Demir



7 Nikola Bader (9) focuses on hitting the ball during a practice. This was Bader's sixth year playing golf and he plans to continue playing for Lake Central and continue to make friends. Photo by: Emily Hogg



8 Ashley DeSantiago (11) throws the ball up to be served during a match against Crown Point. This was DeSantiago's third year on tennis. Photo by: Emily DeMasio



9 Colleen McElmurry (11) stands waiting for her match against Highland to begin. "This match was more of a challenge for me and my partner," McElmurry said. Photo by: Scout Demir



10 Ashley DeSantiago (11) throws the ball up to be served during a match against Crown Point. This was DeSantiago's third year on tennis. Photo by: Emily DeMasio

Andriana Bribiesca (9) goes up to bat in a game against the Merrillville Pirates. The Lady Indians won the game by a slaughter rule. Photo by: Cameron Sweeney



TeamTraditions

What do junior varsity teams do to prepare for games?

Tennis



"Our captain [Emily Peppin (12)] gave us a lot of pep talks. It made me feel really confident. The team would warm up together before each match too," Samantha Dow (9) said.

Softball



"We like to listen to music as a team, and shout our Indian's cheer. Individually I don't take the game so seriously, I just have fun with it," Angelina Cicchirillo (10)

Track



"We warm up and talk on the bus. Ryan Frick (11) sometimes gives a speech to pump us up. We like to listen to our iPods on the bus and stretch to prepare for the meet," Ryan Kozy (9)

FRESH BEGINNINGS

Freshman baseball team is assigned a new coach

Freshmen adjust to new surroundings, new teachers, new peers and new coaches. What if this year, the coach is the one adjusting as well? For the first time, Mr. Ryan Keelah, a teacher at Clark Middle School, came to Lake Central every day to coach the freshman baseball team.

Mr. Jeff Sandor, English, said, "I used to be the JV [baseball] coach then the varsity spot opened up. It

was a goal for me for a long time to have that varsity coaching position, so I interviewed for it and got it. Then the JV position opened up and I actually picked him [Ryan Keelah]. He coaches other sports at Clark, he's the seventh grade basketball coach and eighth grade football coach, so I knew he had experience."

When freshmen enter high school and plan to play sports, they learn from other players about the coaches and the workouts they should expect. However, for these freshmen, they had no clue what to

expect because they were going to have a brand new coach.

"Our new coach is doing a good job. We have to run a lot of laps and have six days of practice, after school and on Saturday mornings. He works us really hard," Cody Brack (9) said.

There is an old saying: practice makes perfect. And even if the boys are not perfect, they all have playing time to gain some experience.

"Our coach has everyone play equally," Antonio Majstorov (9) said.

Coming from another coach,

Sandor agrees with the boys about the way Keelah is performing.

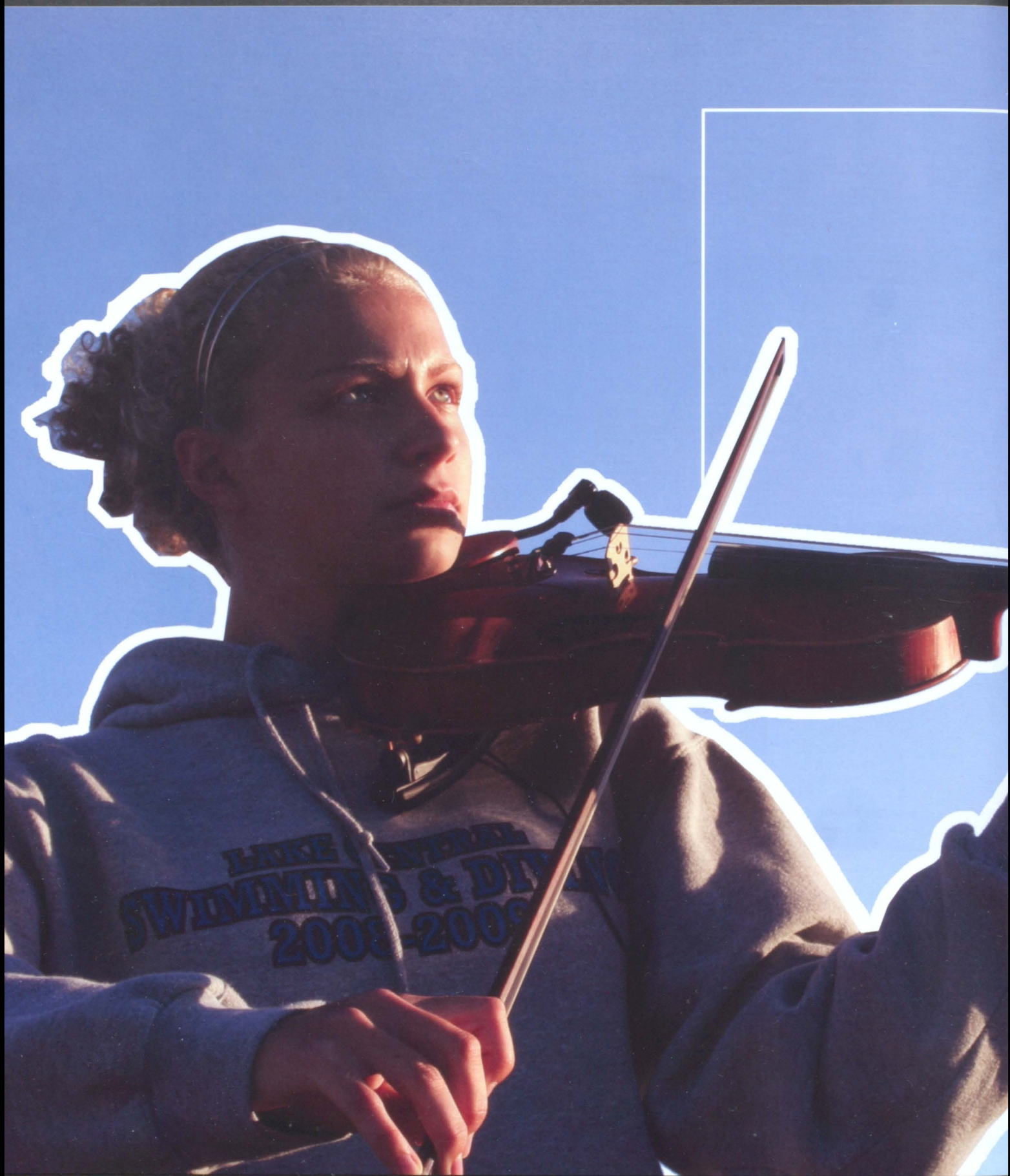
"Ryan Keelah is doing a great job. All of the boys like him; he's a great asset to the team. He was a former player for Lake Central," Sandor said.

For the remainder of the season, the freshmen will continue to learn from Keelah while Keelah will continue to learn from the freshmen baseball team as well.

Emily DeMario
& Ani Castaneda



Antonio Majstorov (9) points to the short stop to signal the double play if the ball gets hit. The game was against Munster and was a victory for the Indians with 17-10. Photo by: Theodora Baskalis.



It's JUST who I am.

In all of this chaos of numbers, there is one thing that will always remain true. No matter how hard anyone tries, they can never make the numbers everything.

At first glance, people only see the ones that define us: our ID number, our GPA, our grade level, SAT score, ACT score, attendance record, and so forth; they don't see us. They see the LC version of us, the snapshot we all take at registration with a quick flash or two. And while we may be dedicated to a certain group of friends that always meets up in the lobby or the new cafeteria, there's much more to our character, we go beyond Mr. Rudy Skorupa's next-to-impossible AP Physics course, the tennis or basketball court, or our special relationship with the all-purpose LC stage.

What we do takes what people see to the next level. There's the clubs, academics, events, and sports each offering its own level of insight so they can make up their minds about us. With 3,217 students, LC is a pool of loves and interests that hum along from 7:15 to 2:09.

Outside of school, surrounded by St. John, Dyer and Schererville, some of us are in a band, and for us, that's defined a good portion of our high school years. Others of us have a job or some sort of weekly

tradition with our friends we will always remember. If we're on a sports team, a dance squad, or a team for gaming, dodge ball, or whatever, what we did, with who, is something that we'll never forget.

But while what people see and what we do reaches close to our core, it doesn't touch it. At LC we're students, athletes, actors; we're anything we want to be.

Outside of our seven-hour day there are another seventeen where we can take off the student and become a friend, a big brother, a little sister or anything else in between. We are granted the option to pursue what will eventually make us our own person. And after our four years here, we graduate, and move on.

But the truth is, the core of each and every one of us, it can't be defined with words, numbers, academics, clubs, or sports. We can list and count and record all we want, we can use a thesaurus or a dictionary to find that word that sounds right, but we'll fall short. There aren't enough numbers to sum us up as individuals.

We're just us, which means that yet another high school cliché is true. While together, we are LC, individually, we are as diverse and as independent as we always hear.

It's just who we are.



Jessica Bouma (11) plays violin with the marching band during another practice held in the Freshmen Center parking lot. "The opportunity to be a part of something as unique as playing violin in a top-notch marching band was indescribable," Bouma said. "It was so worth it in the end." Photo by: Chelsey Banevick

FROM THE 219 TO REGION WIDE

If you were to ask Girolamo Lucido (12) to play a song, he'll play it for you. If he doesn't know it, then he'll learn it just so you can hear it. He's the kind of guy that loves hanging out with the crowd after his shows and getting to know the fans. That's just the type of person he is.

At the age of 10, Jeremy was blown away by his older friend's ability to play the guitar. Jeremy became so drawn to music that his parents bought him his first guitar. Eight years later, he still hasn't put it down.

"I play my guitar every single day. Music keeps me sane and happy, and it calms me down or pumps me up. It can make me feel every other emotion imaginable. I couldn't live without it."

After two years of dedication to his guitar, Jeremy discovered another talent that remained dormant throughout his childhood. When he was 13, Jeremy was singing along to one of his favorite bands, and was shocked by what he heard. He said he was surprised to hear a "decent sound" come from his mouth, and decided to start accompanying his guitar playing with singing. It wasn't long after when he stepped into the world of song writing.

"When I write, it basically goes by my feelings, how the music sounds and how the music connects with the lyrics. I write until it feels right."

Jeremy's lyrics reflect his life, and show how he has grown throughout the years. He has 14

self-written songs that he'll play at shows, but he's always writing bits and pieces for potential songs. He basically has a song for every major experience that's hit close to his heart.

"It's hard to say which of my songs would be my favorite, because they all mean something different to me. But out of all of them, I'd say 'Jockin' is one of my favorites because I wrote it for my best friends. Just because high school is coming to an end doesn't mean our friendship will too. It's thanking them for everything and every moment I've had these past four years, and that no matter what happens, I'll always be here for them."

"I REALLY DON'T HAVE JUST ONE SINGLE MOMENT THAT STANDS OUT. EVERY TIME I HIT THE RIGHT NOTES, MY PITCH IS GOOD, AND EVERYTHING GOES WELL ARE MEMORABLE MOMENTS FOR ME."

With his best friends at his side, Jeremy has had the opportunity to play at several venues across the region with other well known bands. He's played with Asteria, Dear Noel, Cardboard Cutout, The Honor Recital, Oceans Over Airplanes, Taking Back Sunday's ex-guitarist/-vocalist Fred Mascherino, The Fireship, Athel and Ensindic just to name a few. He tries to make sure his acoustic music complements the upbeat sounds of these bands.

"My music his a work of art that I'm glad to

call my own. I'd say the genre is acoustic, but I feel it's also indie because it's a mix of other alternative and hardcore music."

Jeremy likes taking some of his favorite songs and putting his own sound to them. His favorite and most popular songs he covers are "Sweetest Girl" by Wyclef Jon and "If It Means A Lot to You" by A Day to Remember. He uses these songs to help the crowd involved.

"I don't like when the crowd is standing in the back of venues or sitting down. I like them to be close to me and get involved. It makes me feel more comfortable."

As of right now, Jeremy's working with multiple people to record and finalize his first full-length CD. He's hoping to have it out by the end of the year. But that's not all he has in store for his future. Jeremy's biggest dream is to go on tour and have his music heard throughout the country. He'd love to play with Enter Shikari, Kid Cudi, Brand New, The Graduate and A Day to Remember. Their music

inspired Jeremy to take the chance with his music.

"I know I've got a long way to go, but the journey is worth it. From the moment I picked up my first guitar, I knew that I would push myself to reach my dream. Music is my life, and by spreading it, I hope it inspires others to work for their dreams the way it [music] inspires me."

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Cristian Navarro (11)



Stephen Garcia (12)



Johnathan Karahalios (9)

ENSINDIC

Jeremy isn't the only talented musician aspiring to make it out of the 219. Ensindic is a four piece punk/alternative band that Jeremy often plays shows with. The band consists of lead singer/ guitarist Anthony Norman (12), backup vocals/guitarist Stephen Garcia (12), drummer/vocals Cristian Navarro (11) and bassist Johnathan "Vito" Karahalios (9). Ensindic has evolved within the past year and has expanded their fan base throughout the Midwest. Not only are these guys talented with their instruments, but when they cover the song "Sorry, You're Not a Winner" by Enter Shikari, they switch their roles. Navarro steps out from behind his drum set and takes over the lead vocals for Norman. Norman then becomes the bassist and Karahalios takes over the rhythm on the drum set.

SUNDAY @ TWO



"It's a lot of fun being in an all girl band. We can relate to each other better than if it were mixed. We mostly play at people's parties," Jasmine Christy (12) said.



"I enjoy playing music with three other girls who share the same passion for music and performing," Allison Anton (11) said.



Playing in a band with all girls is great because we're friends that have created a stronger bond through music," Eryn Schweiger (11) said.

JEREMY LUCIDO

"I play for the sake of spreading my music. I want people to see who I am."

LC IS PULLING FOR DECKER



Students came together to collaborate on multiple projects for the effort of helping John Decker. After the initial shock and disbelief of John's diagnosis settled to a manageable level, a wave of support arose from the student body. Several individuals stepped up to take on leadership roles in order to organize projects for the benefit of the Decker family. John's friends and classmates show their support by visiting him at home every week. "We are his only connection to the outside world at LC," James Fife (11) said. Since John can't be at Lake Central, his friends found a way to bring the Lake Central atmosphere to him.

student body.

"John has been a true inspiration for everyone" Jasmine Castillo (11) said. It is evident that John Decker has impacted the lives of many students. "He's taught me to be a better person" McKay said. John Decker has changed the lives of many with his positive attitude, bringing out the best in his friends and family.

"Everyone is praying for you John. We're all thinking about you," Fife said.



Tessa's a Boss **NOT CANCER**

When Tessa Desalvo (10) was diagnosed with extraskeletal osteosarcoma, her friends decided to support her by selling T-shirts. Ashley Raynor (10) and Jane Gates (10) sold 894 shirts with the help of Amanda Bulf (10). The purple shirts read "I'm a boss, not cancer." The girls raised over \$1300 for their friend. The back of the shirts read "Don't Stop Believing," and judging from the girls' determination, they won't anytime soon.



Jane Gates (10)

Tessa Desalvo (10)



JOHN DECKER

A community helps family in need

IN THE FIGHT TO WIN

One phone call. That's all it took to forever change the lives of the Decker family. At 5:45 a.m., reality struck the Decker household; junior John Decker (11) was diagnosed with leukemia.

John was taken to Riley's, in Indianapolis, the day of the phone call. Before he was diagnosed with leukemia, the doctors concluded he had mononucleosis. Throughout the football season, John would continually show signs of exhaustion, and he would have bruises covering his entire body. John had blood work done in July for an unrelated cause, and it came back normal. But, with a second test done due to his abnormal conditions, he was diagnosed with leukemia at 98% by October. The diagnosis signified the beginning of a long and strenuous journey that would test the strength of the family's faith and courage.

"It came that strong," Mrs. Decker said.

For first-year cancer patients, chemotherapy is required weekly.

"Chemo really wears me out. I don't feel like eating, and I throw up constantly," John said.

Trying to exercise and move around seems almost impossible due to his lack of strength, and comprehending John's diagnosis proved to be a surreal concept to grasp for the Decker family.

"He has trouble getting up the stairs. His heart beats at a fast pace and it's a real struggle for him," his mom said. "It never really sinks in. Our family is still trying to take it all in and face reality."

The oldest of John's siblings, 13-year-old Haley, seems to accept the truth.

11-year-old Ryan resists coming to terms with John's condition.

"He just doesn't want to believe it," his parents said.

And although four-year-old Marissa realizes John is sick, she still can't take in what her family is experiencing. When John leaves for his chemotherapy, Marissa always smiles and laughs. "John John, don't die," she says. Her room is littered with stuffed animals John received while in the hospital.

"They're mine for a day, and then they're Marissa's," John said, laughing.

The football moms of Lake Central have opted to

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play a big part in the Decker's lives. They help watch Marissa by taking her to the movies, shopping and setting up play dates. Every Tuesday and Friday the moms cook dinner for the family.

"So if you're ever hungry come over Tuesday or Friday," Mr. Decker said, smiling.

Aside from the football moms, and in order to gain eligibility for his senior year, social workers have organized a program where John can obtain a quality education from his home; teachers receive a warm welcome in the Decker household every week. Even though the work is more verbal, John still gets the homework done that he has to do.

The obstacles John's family has had to confront have melded themselves into the fabric of everyday reality.

"It takes over your life, everything comes secondary to it, it's our new normal. It may not be yours, but it is ours," his parents said.

John's road to recovery stretches for another three to four years. The chance of unrelated cancer still poses a threat, but John doesn't travel alone. Having friends and family at his side has helped John make it through every day.

"I couldn't ask for a better group of friends, they've been so supportive," John said. "You don't take a lot of things for granted as much as you used to and a lot of things just seem so silly. You see people fighting over stupid stuff. It's silly when some of my friends don't get along with each other."

John's leukemia has tested every aspect of his family's heart, and everyone has made an effort to put forth positive attitudes in the midst of an otherwise tragic situation.

"It makes you appreciate your family, friends and things around you much more," John's mom said.

In the course of writing this story, so much was learned, and what is recanted here is only the surface information, the bare exoskeleton that in truth embodies a much deeper, permeating story. Witnessing a family whose strong bond refuses to break provided an eye-opening experience. The emotional rollercoaster they have been riding is unlike anything a normal family has to undergo. Their and the community's ongoing love and support for John shines through the darkness of cancer.

"I would just like to thank my family, friends and teachers for all of their support," John said.

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COMMON INTERESTS

"I joined **choir** in sixth grade because my friend wanted me to join with her, but even after we stopped being friends I continued on with choir because I liked it. I really like LC choir and I plan on doing it all four years. I'm excited for the Disney concert in the spring," Sarah Geisheimer (9) said.



"I started **violin** in kindergarten. It looked appealing when I was two and I was still interested when I was five so my parents let me take lessons. I've been hired for weddings and this is my third year in the Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra. My future will be geared more towards my electric violin that I've had for a year now," Adam Miller (11) said.



"I started when I was five, my cousins and I played hockey but I decided I wanted to try **ice skating** instead. I took private lessons at Midwest until last year. I won regionals for my division in 2008, and now I teach younger kids how to skate during the summer at Midwest [Training Center]," Courtney Mirkov (11) said.



SHE DIDN'T EVEN GO HERE!

To her friends, Dayana Yos (9) is described as "quirky, and outgoing once you get to know her." Dayana, a freshman new to this school corporation, is not afraid of the intimidating size of Lake Central. She just wants to try a little bit of everything.

Dayana moved from Lansing, IL for this school year. This is her first year attending a public school, a change from a "one hall" private school.

"I moved because my mom didn't like T.F. South, and didn't want me to go to school there," Dayana said. "My favorite cousins also live here, and I wanted to go to school with them. They live right across the street from us."

Dayana experienced a culture shock when she first came here from Noonan Elementary Academy. She went from 28 people in her class, to her freshman class of 836 students.

"I used to know everyone and everything about them," Dayana said. "Now I have way more friends, but I know less about people."

It's not only the size of the school that is a change to Dayana. The people here are completely different from those at her old school.

"People are mean, I'm not used to mean people," Dayana said. There were never fights or the frequent use of profanity at her old school like she sees here.

Making friends was not difficult at all for Dayana; the first people she met were before the school year,

in summer gym class.

"Summer gym was my way of meeting people. I was never in co-ed gym before coming here. It was totally awkward, especially in pool," Dayana said.

Since coming here, Dayana has tried dancing, ice skating, choir and environmental club all for the first time. She quit dance, however, because her class was filled with younger, better girls and she wanted more time to skate.

"I went with my friends and I was terrible, but I

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wished I could be better," Dayana said of her new hobby. "Now I love it!"

Dayana now takes ice skating lessons twice a week at Midwest Training Center.

Yos has also found a niche in theater. She participated in the freshman plays, and had a supporting role and understudy part for the spring musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

"I really like being on stage," Dayana said. "Having a smaller cast, everyone got to know each other better

and it was a fun experience."

Theater is not a new experience for Dayana, she was on stage at her old school, too. But all of the thespians she has met in her first year here have made it an unforgettable experience.

"All of the theater kids accepted me in their close group of friends," Dayana said. "Sarah Geisheimer (9), Kylee King (9), and Tyler Mills (12) are my closest friends in theater."

Her academic life altered when the grading scale was modified from Noonan to LC.

"They almost didn't let me in to merit at LC, but now I'm in Integrated Chemistry and Physics Honors, Geometry Honors, and Merit English," Dayana said.

For all of the changes in her life upon coming here, one thing has not changed. Dayana has played violin for seven years and she still takes lessons every week.

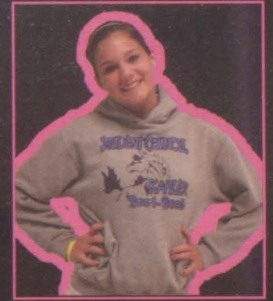
"When I was really little, I used to watch Channel 11 with my grandma. I always thought that the violin would be so much fun to play, so I went to a summer camp to learn it and have been doing it ever since," Dayana said.

Dayana is comfortable here, and she loves all of the friends she has made and activities she has joined.

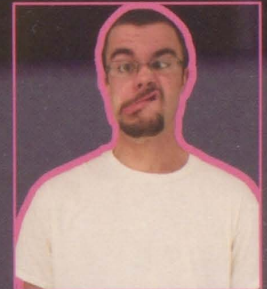
"I like trying new things," Dayana said. "I'm really glad I moved."

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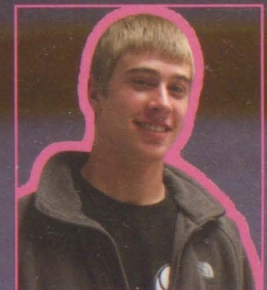
STARTING NEW



"I was in gymnastics until I hyper-extended my arm. I got surgery, and the doctor said tennis would help build up my arm. I really like it! I'm doing tennis next year too," Randi Kass (11) said.



"All my friends are in choir and I'm a really musical person so I gave it a shot. I love it, and I'm involved in Varsity Choir, Da Capo, Concert Choir and an ISSMA solo. I'm trying out for a vocal or instrumental scholarship at IU," Zenon Mills (12) said.



"Both of my brothers were in band and they had fun, so I decided to try it. I wanted to meet people doing something I loved to do. I believe drumline is better than sports because you're always doing something new. I love it," Noah Malm (10) said.

DAYANA YOS

Starts a new
life in the 219

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR B-BOYS

As they walked up the steps and onto the stage, they could feel their hearts pounding. The judges were silenced as the music began.

Chian Kim (11) could feel his legs shaking as he took his place next to his crew. They had never performed like this before.

It all started when Chian stumbled upon his first crew member, Paul Chung (12), in the bathroom. He had heard from Paul's cousin that he was a break dancer but he had never met him before. Chian met Anthony Iragana (10) completely by chance.

"I saw [Anthony] walking in the hall and thought he looked like a breaker. I said 'Hey, do you B-boy?' and he said 'Yeah.' and then I said, 'Do you want to B-boy with us?' It was random," Chian said.

The three began to practice together at Paul's cousin's house. But soon, they needed a space of their own. They decided to turn Chian's basement into their own practice studio.

"My mom has this karaoke machine and she has

these huge speakers that take up half the wall so we just put those downstairs and connected our stereo to them," Chian said.

The boys also bought mirrors, carpet and vinyl floors to practice moves. With their own space to practice, they began to perfect their skills together. They practiced a few times at school

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too. One of their first times breaking at school was during a lunch hour.

"We all got Friday schools. We had a really big crowd. I guess they thought it was a disruption to the educational process," Chian said.

After getting banned from practicing during school hours, the three began meeting every day after school. They heard about the Talent Show and began to put together a routine. The crew

had never choreographed before. Anthony choreographed the hip-hop portions of the routine and they each contributed to the rest. When they took the stage for the Talent Show audition, they were more than ready.

"We thought [the Talent Show] would be a good experience," Paul said.

Chian, as well as Paul and Anthony, was nervous but they pulled it together.

"I have stage fright. But the thing is, once we started, we were just in our own world. Like it didn't even matter anymore. I wasn't scared after that," Chian said.

"When we have a huge crowd just cheering, I love that. First time I experienced that, I fell in love with it," Chian said.

The crew is also excited about the growing fame that they've been getting.

"Ever since we got on LCTV, Quiver and Scout, just everyone started coming to us like, 'We want to break!'" Chian said, with a smile.

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B-BOY CREW

3 friends team up to break down

MEET THE CREW

Chian Kim (11), Paul Chung (12) and Anthony Iragana (10) haven't been break dancing together or on their own for very long. Paul and Anthony only began their hobby in 2008 and Chian just started in September. Paul began dancing because of gymnastics. Chian and Anthony both saw B-boys on TV and decided that they wanted to try the moves. Despite the short amount of time they've had learning how to break dance, the three have gained much experience and skill. They have come together and are starting to be known as a group, however, they have not decided on a name yet.

"We want a name where it's mindblowing and we all love it. [A name] that won't fade away after time. [Then we'll] probably keep that name forever," Chian said.

The boys practice together every day and they plan on dancing together for as long as they can during and after high school.

"I'm not gonna give this up," Paul said.

Anthony Iragana (10)
Elbow Nike



Chian Kim (11)
Threaded Stall



Paul Chung (12)
Head Hollow



Paul Chung (12), Chian Kim (11)
and Anthony Iragana (10).

TECH GUY STEPS UP



John White (10) has made a hobby out of filming and editing videos and pictures for his friends. He is also an editing intern in the IIS room for LCTV. Chian Kim (11), Paul Chung (12) and Anthony Iragana (10) had been looking for someone who could take and edit

their pictures and videos for them and handle all of their media tasks. Chian and Paul had heard of John and asked him if he would mind editing their work for them.

"One day [the boys] were break dancing in the Freshmen Center and Chian was like, 'Are you John White?'" John said.

Soon John was helping them every day after school at practice.


"We officially announced him our tech guy," Chian said.

John loved editing for the B-boys but he wanted to join in on the action.

"After a week I was like, you know what, I'm doing this," John said.

John has begun to learn the skills of break dancing while he continues his hobby of filming and editing.





QUINLAN PHALEN

"Getting your haircut for Saint Baldrick's means finding a cure for children's cancer."

IT ALL COMES OFF

It's more than just the average haircut.



"Participating in St. Baldrick's has changed my perceptions and made me realize the things that I take for granted in life, things that these children may never have the opportunity to experience," Mr. Eric Graves, Mathematics, said.

"Shaving my head for St. Baldrick's wasn't even a big deal compared to what my friend, Tessa DeSalvo (10) has to go through everyday," Steve Rynne (11) said.

"Donating to St. Baldrick's has made me a whole new person, with a better outlook on life," Carlo Demma (11) said.

SHAVING THE WAY

Many people enjoy donating to important causes, but for Quinlan Phalen (12) it is all about participating in the project. It is exactly what he's done for St. Baldrick's, since his cousin, eighth grader Josh Crosby, got diagnosed with Leukemia. Josh was diagnosed in December of 2006, and after battling cancer for four years, he is officially cancer free.

"I started cutting my hair to bring awareness to Josh's case," Quinn said. "Originally Josh had some kind of pain in his knee, and we didn't know what it was but then it turned out to be cancer. We were stunned by what the doctors were saying and we just couldn't believe it. Then they put a port in his chest, and they would put treatments through the port and it distributed throughout his body."

To bring awareness Josh and Quinn attend as many St. Baldrick's events as possible. Josh has shaved anywhere from 60-70 heads, including Quinn's big curly hair.

"Josh has become quite the barber after four years," Quinn said.

Leukemia has brought Josh and Quinn much closer than they were before.

"I WANTED TO GET INVOLVED. MY COUSIN, JOSH HAD JUST RECENTLY BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA, SO I THOUGHT ST. BALDRICK'S WOULD BE A GREAT WAY TO SHOW MY SUPPORT AND GIVE BACK TO HIM AND OTHER CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER."

"It helps us realize how lucky we both are to have such a supportive family," Quinn said.

And with such a supportive family Quinn was able to raise over \$4,500 within four years to help cancer research. He also participates in Relay for Life to support the cause.

However for Quinn, nothing will compete with the effort he puts into St. Baldrick's. He went as far as dying his hair green for the event sophomore year.

"Sophomore year I had my hair professionally dyed green, to bring awareness. I went into Salon FX2 two weeks prior to the event and had my friend's mom dye it. I walked around with green hair and was constantly asked questions," he said.

Most people would say Quinn goes over the top but he will tell you he is just dedicated to the cause.

"To me St. Baldrick's means raising money to support finding a cure for cancer, and still having fun while doing it."

St. Baldrick's has become such a huge aspect of Quinn's life that he even hopes to start a venue at Purdue West Lafayette, his chosen college.

"Next year at Purdue I want to try and set up a venue for St. Baldrick's, if they don't already have one. I'd love to get people at Purdue involved because it's such a big university it'd be great to get all those people donating and helping."

Quinn plans to do St. Baldrick's for as many years as possible. St. Baldrick's isn't just about the haircut for Quinn. To him St. Baldrick's is about helping kids get out of the same situation that Josh was once in.

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SEEING SHOWS



"My favorite show was Another Hole in the Wall with Ensindic, Team Light You on Fire, Keeg-nasty and the Flashtastics, and more. The whole experience was fun with moshing and a wall of death."

Daniel Zdzinicki (12) said.



"Indiana's music scene played a huge role in my teenage years. I've been going to shows since I was 14, I've played in different states, and I went on tour with my friend's band last summer," Timothy Labahn (12) said.



Alexandria Copak (11), Chain Kim (11), and Seth Ochoa at Warped Tour

"I love going to see local bands. But Warped Tour would probably be my favorite. There are 50 bands both big and small, and it's an all day event. I've been going for the past three years and it's always a good time," Alexandria Copak (11) said.

JERRY & JESSIE CLEMONS

What it is like to be the children of a popular local musician

BEST FRIENDS

"Jessie and I have been friends since the fourth grade when I moved here from Hammond. It seems that in high school it's hard to find that true friend to trust, but for us, it came so easily. We are always on the run, going from one city or town to the next. It's not unusual for Jess to call me up and say, 'Barbara, don't make any plans this weekend, because my dad got us these amazing tickets!' A weekend with Jess is not your average weekend, because there are always places to go, bands to see and things to do! To me, the definition of a best friend isn't only a person that is always there for you, but it's also a person you can't live without. Being best friends is more than a definition - it's a lifestyle!"

Barbara Racich (12) said.



Nicole Jamrose



Nick Byrd

IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY

When most of us think about spending the day in our dad's office, we imagine stuffy cubicles. But when Jessica and Jerry Clemons (12, 11) spend the day at their dad's office, Dynamite Music in Griffith, they are surrounded by musical instruments of all kind, the faint smell of cigarette smoke, and the sounds of some of the Tri-Town Area's best musicians simply jamming.

Not your typical day at the office.

The twins' dad, Jerry Clemons, Jr., is a founding member of the Nick Danger Band, a highly popular local band. Thanks to his influence, the twins have experienced a life unlike the usual.

Jessie remembers things being different even at a young age. "My dad always spent a lot of time with us and took us to concerts with him. I always went to see my dad's band, and I never realized that no one else really did that."

And when Jessie says concerts, she means *concerts*. She's seen over 50 live concerts, including Kenny Chesney, Rob Thomas, Lonestar, Bob Schneider, Mofro, Derek Trucks and David Cook. This life of music has even led her to meet a famous TV cook.

"Yeah, I met Rachael Ray once," Jessie said, with a laugh. "I was at a Bob Schneider concert, and I saw her, and I

was like, 'Wow, that lady looks like Rachael Ray!' Then, I realized that it was! So I went to say hello. She was with her husband and a bunch of weird people. She wasn't too excited about [taking a picture with me]. But she did, and then she talked about this party she was having, and she had a *filthy* mouth!"

So would she see a show with Rachael Ray again?

Jessie laughed even more. "I don't know. She did have a dirty mouth, and she hung out with some weird

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people."

While Jessie's all about experiencing music, her twin brother Jerry is more into performing music. He picked up playing the guitar about three years ago and hasn't looked back since. However, when asked if his father and his band have anything to do with it, he said, "I started to play guitar on my own. It had nothing to do with my dad."

Interestingly enough, a hobby that evolved on its own has started to resemble that of his father; like his father, Jerry is now a professional musician.

"I play gigs once or twice a week and once a week-end," Jerry said. "I make good money - and I get to play music."

Even though on the surface their life may look completely different, the two insist that really, it's nothing out of the ordinary; they're just average teenagers.

"We watch *American Idol* and go out to eat together," Jessie said. "We're just a traditional family with a dad with a different job."

And this different job promises to follow them out into the real world. Jessie, who has remained involved in behind-the-scenes work, such as painting former *Nashville Star* contestant Nicole Jamrose's guitars, will be attending Texas State University-San Marcos. "I want to

get a degree in Music Business and then go to law school for Entertainment Law," she said. "I would be negotiating contracts and performances. I've grown up around it, and I want to continue to be around it."

Jerry's future plans are far less concrete. "I want to do anything with music," he said, a smile slowly creeping up onto his face. "As long as it's music, I'll be happy."

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MISS ZENDZIAN? (ALWAYS) PRESENT!

The thought of waking up for 2,160 days of school without missing a day can make some people quite ill. Every once in a while there is always that urge to skip, so we get "sick" and stay home. It is always refreshing to get that little break from school every once in a while. For Amber Zendzian (12), this has never been the case. She has not missed one day of school in the last 12 years. The first thought that comes to mind when told the words "she never missed a day of school" is how does she do it? But Amber is similar to all of us. She plays soccer, works, does homework like any other student would do in a given day.

"I only ever missed one day of kindergarten because I got a concussion. I would've gone to school the next day, except I was hospitalized, so I didn't have a choice for missing one day of school."

Amber never actually realized her achievement as a young child, and when she became aware of it, she was on a mission.

"I started in middle school. I realized I had perfect attendance for five years, and I thought it would be pretty cool if I could get all twelve of them. It has kind of been my own thing, my own goal. I thought 'I'm probably the only person that

would ever do this, so I just stuck with it.'"

To add to this already impressive record, Amber has never been tardy or absent from any class. She has been timely and present for all seven grueling hours of school, every day, every year. On the contrary, she has had some close calls.

"The closest I ever came to missing school was this year when my grandpa passed away, and we drove down to Tennessee for his funeral. We

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left from Tennessee at eleven o'clock at night the Sunday before going back to school from Christmas break. By the time we got back here, I didn't have time to go home, so I changed in the car, grabbed my backpack I brought with me, and my parents and family dropped me off at school before going home. We pulled into the school at 7:06 a.m., and I just barely made it."

She certainly has a strong commitment towards her attendance. All the dedication and hard work Amber puts forth to make it to school every day on time, has rewarded her pleasantly.

Amber is the only one in her family to achieve such an amazing record. Amber received a grant

from Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana solely based on her impressive attendance record. Amber plans to attend Saint Joseph's College and fulfill her prerequisites for physical therapy.

When she was filling out college applications this year, Amber ran into a small predicament. She was unable to send her transcripts for a period of time due to a suspension on her record that she had never been given. This suspension actually belonged to Ashleigh Zendzian (10), Amber's younger sister.

"My sister and I have the same initials A.Z. When the office was putting it into the records, they didn't check the entire first name, and since I'm the first one listed, they listed the suspension under my name. I had to argue a little bit to convince the office it wasn't me, and eventually it was all straightened out."

Amber mentions that as the number of school days dwindle down, the challenge to always be at school becomes harder and harder. But she feels she is so close to her goal and can not give up now. "I fight through it," she said. "Everyone has their own thing, and this is what makes me special."

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PLAYING HOOKY WITH HAUPT

This is one student who really enjoys his days off

Would you be willing to lose credit in classes in exchange for a few days off? Joel Haupt (12), risks losing credit in two classes due to too many absences this year.

"So far this year, I've missed twelve days of school, and I've left seven or eight more times after a half day because I can't catch a ninja," Haupt said, laughing, sharing an inside joke.

Joel's fear of losing credit along with his fear of his mother if he does not go to school led him to wake up for school on a day off.

"I actually came to school on time on Good Friday when we had the day off. I didn't realize it until I actually got here."

With the school year coming to an end, Haupt has one absence left in his two classes before he loses credit.

"I have one day left I can ditch so I'm going to save it for senior ditch day."



AMBER ZENDZIAN

she holds an attendance record most could not achieve

Amber Zendzian 251



Michael Karcz (10),
Marc Gjeldum (10), Luis
Rodriguez (10), Joshua
Migler (10), Randall
Trembacki (10)



"We started making comedy movies to one-up the boys [CRAM Productions]," Marc Gjeldum (10) said.

"We made a dancing video to techno music that only took an hour. We just like to have fun," Luis Rodriguez (10) said.

"We plan to keep making movies. CRAM is good, but comes in a close second because we're better," Joshua Migler (10) said.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, CRAM!

Every year in Mr. Wayne Svetnoff's, English, English Honors class, the students are required to read and create a project about King Arthur. Adam Keric (10), Colton Case (Crown Point '12), Randall Trembacki (10) and Michael Karcz (10) decided to make a movie for this project. Their King Arthur movie was 22 minutes long and featured at least eight kids aside from their regular four, and out of that project came CRAM Productions.

"My older brother made a movie for Svetnoff's class and I knew we were going to make one. So we waited a whole year in anticipation. When the project was assigned, we spent a lot of time coming up with ideas," Michael said.

The group who created the movie was all boys. Because of this, some boys had to dress up as women. "In our first movie, King Arthur, I played a girl, Guinevere. The part suited me best and I was the best candidate for the position," Crown Point sophomore, Colton Case said, laughing.

"It's not that I'm feminine, I just have many talents and one is being a girl," Colton said, jokingly.

The movie was shot at Randy's house with his family's camera. When they presented the film to their honors English class, the boys received

good feedback. This motivated the boys to go out and buy a camera and create other movies. Altogether, they've made about five different types of comedy movies.

"We really make movies wherever we can. We make them at each other's houses, Wal-Mart, the forest. We use crazy props if available, like from Wal-Mart," Michael said.

"The best thing is to look at random stuff and say, 'How can we make a movie out of that?'"

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Randy said.

Laughing and a little confused, Michael shot back at Randy with, "Who'd you steal that from?"

The boys explain that they found their inspiration from YouTube.

"We always come up with ideas on our own, and we were inspired by F&D Films, a group of boys on YouTube. We came across their videos and thought they were hilarious," Michael said.

Even though the boys find their inspiration through F&D Films, their ideas and execution

are completely original.

"It gets really annoying when people helping to make out movies don't contribute their ideas. A smaller group is best," Michael said.

The boys explained that when the group is smaller, making the movie goes by faster and the editing is quicker as well. Michael edits smaller movies and Randy edits the longer more in-depth movies.

"It takes a couple of hours to edit, for me. We edit our movies on Windows Movie Maker. Randy's a little bit better at it than me, but I'm learning and getting better," Michael said.

The boys say they have big plans for their up-coming movies. They plan to spend the whole summer making and editing fresh films.

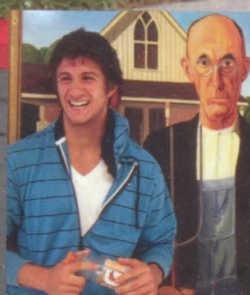
"I really want to make a Bo Burnham movie. Everyone says I look like him. We also want to do the Intervention of Adam Keric," Michael said.

The boys explained that they have their own humor. The movies they make are funny to them and if other people think it's funny it's just a bonus. Anyone could check out the videos the boys have made on Michael Karcz's Facebook or by searching YouTube.

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Erik Bisson (12)



Christopher Zaglaras (12)



Adam Karcz (12)

THE INSPIRATION

Adam Karcz (12), older brother of Michael Karcz (10), and his friends Chris Zaglaras (12) and Erik Bisson (12) explain how they influenced Cram Productions to begin creating movies.

"We [Bisson, Karcz, Zaglaras] used to make movies all the time and showed them F&D Films on YouTube, which also influenced their video-making," Zaglaras said. Karcz also talks about the relationship between himself and his younger brother.

"Even though my brother and I are into different things, his movies are the things that bring us together. We have near identical personalities so when we start talking about random things, movie ideas just pop out of nowhere," Karcz said.

MOVIE MAKERS

Adam Keric (10), Colton Case (Crown Point '12), Randall Trembacki (10) and Michael Karcz (10) make films in their free time, aided by Ryan Rech (10), far left

IT'S A "LOVE STORY"



Nicholas Matthews (11)
and Paige Creighton(11)



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Country is about more than just the music. Paige Creighton (11) realized this when she started dating Nicholas Matthews (11). Their favorite place to go on a Saturday night is DC's Country Junction, where they enjoy line dancing side-by-side in their cowboy boots.

"It's a good environment. People don't care what you look like when you're dancing. Everyone is doing the same thing," Creighton said. "No one's laughing at you if you're a bad dancer; it's just laid back."

Matthews owns two horses, and he's been riding for six years.

"I taught Paige how to ride, and we both go to CJ Ranch in Crown Point, where my horses are kept," Matthews said.

Creighton and Matthews have been dating since October 2009.

"Nick definitely influenced me in a good way by teaching me how to ride horses and by helping me experience new things," Creighton said.



MACKENZIE WAYCO

Riding her way into the future

NOT JUST HORSIN' AROUND!

It is common for young girls to ask Santa for Barbie Dolls, princess clothes, and pretend makeup. At age six, Mackenzie Wayco (11) was not like the other girls; all she wanted was the chance to learn to how to ride a horse.

"All I ever wanted to do was ride," Mackenzie said.

She got her first horse, Queen Maeve, in seventh grade, nicknamed "Queenie." Her mom decided Mackenzie and her sister can have one so the family bought their first horse from Mackenzie's trainer, Patti Shepard, at Dubble Diamond Stable in Crown Point.

"She was everything I didn't want. I didn't want a chestnut horse, I wanted a white one. But now she is perfect."

Mackenzie has been showing Queenie since she was about nine years old. She competes doing the 100 jumper.

"The 100 is basically pretty," Mackenzie said. "There's a certain number of steps your horse is supposed to take between each jump and certain courses."

She rides on a flat, too, which is basically riding around in a circle, trying different gates. Mackenzie describes it as "really, really strict."

Some of the shows she will be participating in this year actually offer prizes in the thousands of dollars for scholarships.

For someone to put so much time, effort and

dedication into what they do, it is evident that they have a great deal of passion, and after talking to Mackenzie directly, we could definitely see the passion she has for horses.

"I go to school, work, do homework, ride and that's it. I literally do nothing else," Mackenzie said.

Wayco said that her parents would forbid her from riding her horse as a punishment because they knew how much she loved it.

"If I'm not feeling good, I could go to the barn and feel better," Mackenzie said.

"HORSES ARE MY LIFE. WITHOUT THEM, MY LIFE WOULD BE BORING. I WOULD BE JUST ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL TEENAGER."

For some people, it takes a lot of courage to ride a horse, just because of how large they can be and how fast they can run. But Mackenzie sees it differently. She admits that she is in fact a bit adventurous and daring.

"I've always been one of those 'crazy people.' I guess at first I was scared, but I'm the one who stood up on the back of her horse without her shoes on, just to see if she could do it," Mackenzie said. "I'm definitely not afraid to try new things, usually. I mean, I'm 17 and I can shoot a gun."

For anyone who has spent time with Mackenzie,

they can see that horses will indeed have a part in her future.

"Whatever I'm going to do will be with horses," Mackenzie said. "I would love to be an instructor." Even her sister, Riley Wayco (9), can see Mackenzie working with horses later in life.

"I can definitely see her going somewhere with riding as long as she keeps doing what she does," Riley said. "She knows how to ride and she's really, really good!"

Although some might expect some sister jealousy, Riley often looks up to her big sister.

"She's a lot better than I am. She puts a lot more dedication into it," said Riley. "[She does] a great job in riding; she needs to keep up what she's doing."

After hours of stressing and finally getting in contact with Mackenzie, I quickly took her as a shy, quiet person who spends most of their time with close-knit friends and reading books. I was proven wrong as she took me by surprise with her humor and her "down to earth" personality by being so chill during the interview.

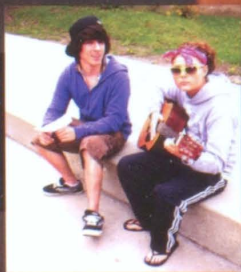
She's a laidback "jeans and a t-shirt kind of person," as Mackenzie would say, and once she's on her horse, she's an unstoppable horseback rider.

"I'm going to ride forever," Mackenzie said. "There is no way I'll ever quit!"

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Mario Vega (12) and
Lissa Landini (12)



"Mario has been teaching me how to play the guitar for a month now. I have managed to learn three notes. He's a great teacher, I'm just not a great listener."

FREE-STYLIN' FRIDAYS



"Free-style Friday gives us something to laugh at on a boring day. Plus, we get to rip on each other without taking each other seriously," Ian Lucas (11) said.



"Free-style Fridays are a chance to get people together and laugh and enjoy the last few minutes of school with a random rap," Michael Osborn (12) said.



"Free-style Friday's consist of two things: 1. Chilling with my homies 2. Eating some fries," Joshua Gomez (12) said.

BEAT-BOXING BEST FRIENDS

Famous friends are constantly doing collaborations, but John Sweis (12) and Mario Vega (12), began collaborating in middle school, coming together from unlikely distances.

"I grew up in New York, moved to California when I was in fifth grade, then moved here in seventh grade," John said.

Mario was also new to the district during his seventh grade year. Mario moved to Northwest Indiana from Chicago.

"I met a variety of people from New York to California and it's amazing how differently people act," John said.

Even though both boys spent their early years on opposite sides of the country, they had no problem becoming the best of friends.

The dynamic duo joined forces during the school year when they both moved to the school district.

"We became friends when I sat next to John on the bus every day to and from school," Mario said.

Their inseparable bond has evolved into a beatboxing and guitar playing duo. Being that both boys are in bands, there's no doubt they have musical talent. Neither of the boys are afraid to show it.

John and Mario formed 'Billboard Homicide,' a band in which both play.

"I mainly practice whenever I take a shower or when we're around people," John said.

John is the beat boxer of the duo but he also plays bass guitar.

"I'm more guitar and play music for John to beatbox to," Mario said.

The boys band Billboard Homicide played at the John Decker Benefit. Mario will also be drumming for his band Absence in the Rye and coordinating the entire event.

"WE'RE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS THAT OUR COLLABORATION COMES OUT FUN AND ENERGETIC,"

"We have been at this since freshman year," Mario said.

The boys have a serious interest in music and their beat boxing but their band is really a laid-back activity.

"We just do it for fun; we don't really take it seriously. We sometimes perform at parties, bonfires, and at Josh Gomez's (12) house," Mario said.

According to John, his uncle got him started in beatboxing. Ever since the duo discovered how much talent they share, they have been making all sorts of music together.

"We do covers and rap songs, and we do Freestyle Fridays. Every Friday, I spit radical beats while Mario and the gang compete for Josh Gomez's heart," John said.

The best friend attitude also helps the boys in what they do. Their friendship shows through their music.

"Mario had all these instruments so I would just jam with him. Many times I played drums. We listened to music and covered songs. Being friends for so long, we have a lot of the same interests; especially in music," John said.

The boys contribute equally to their music, never overpowering one another.

"I just do my thing around John," Mario said.

Beatboxing and guitar playing aren't the only two activities the boys spend their time perfecting.

"I draw and paint a lot and want to be an art teacher," Mario said.

Music is also in the future for Mario.

"I want to get a degree in music. I hope to continue with my band Absence in the Rye. I also plan to teach people to play guitar and beginner drums," Mario said.

Unlike Mario, John hopes to move in a different direction,

"I actually want to do something with computers or program fixing; something like that. I want to get a bachelors degree in computer science and see what kind of jobs that would help me get," John said.

By the looks of things, their friendship, music-making and dream-building don't seem to have an ending any time soon.

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JOHN SWIES & MARIO VEGA

Making their mark in the music world

BABY BUMP



"When you become a mother, you always have to care about another person in your life. It's not just about you anymore. After I have my son, my whole life will change because there's someone else I have to take care of."

Mrs. Claire
Kuhlenschmidt, Social Studies

ERINNOVAK
an LC baby boomer

WE ARE FAMILY

The Ohlenkamps welcome Lucy to their family



Mrs. Angela Ohlenkamp, Mathematics, and Mr. Richard Ohlenkamp, Mathematics, have experience in trying to manage a family while working together at LC. With a two-year-old, T.J., and a six-month-old, Lucy, they have to find a way to balance their schedules to accommodate their two children.

"We figure out our home schedules as we go," Mr. Ohlenkamp said. "We tell each other what we have to do for school, and we try to work around it."

"I don't do any school work until my kids are asleep. On weekend it's during naptime, and during the week it's at 8:00 p.m. when they go to bed," Mrs. Ohlenkamp said.

Mrs. Ohlenkamp's least favorite part of being pregnant wasn't the actual act of giving birth, the part of pregnancy that most new mothers complain about.

"I thought child labor was easy. The hardest part for me was the morning sickness. I would turn really pale all of a sudden and then just run out of the classroom. Students would ask if I was okay when I came back and I'd just say 'No, I'm fine. I'm just pregnant,'" she said, laughing.

When the Ohlenkamps are at school teaching, their kids play with other LC babies.

"VanGorp's Playground is a daycare that a lot of LC teachers' babies go," Mr. Ohlenkamp said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ohlenkamp have worked hard to maintain their family, and they love what they do.

"I love being a mom. I wouldn't trade it for the world," Mrs. Ohlenkamp said. "If I could financially afford to have unlimited kids, I would have 10 or 15."

"YOUR BELLY LOOKS CUTE TODAY!"

Mrs. Erin Novak, English, found out that she was pregnant during October of this school year. She ended up being part of a peculiar baby boom at LC. This year, eight teachers found out that she was pregnant, and Mrs. Novak was tossed into the mix when she discovered that she was expecting.

When she was seven months pregnant, Mrs. Novak started to have early contractions.

"When you have early contractions, you risk your water breaking. If your water breaks, the baby has to come out. I didn't want to take that chance," Mrs. Novak said.

Before she went on bed rest, she had to deal with all of the side effects of her pregnancy.

"The hardest thing about being pregnant at school is being uncomfortable," she said. Whether she was trying to maneuver her growing belly through the classroom or trying not to lose her breath from giving notes and talking to her class, Mrs. Novak overcame everyday obstacles with a smile.

"People are extra helpful," she said. "And they would say things like 'Your belly looks cute today!' On days when I would be feeling really big, comments like that would help."

Chasing one child around the house while she's

supposed to be on bed rest isn't good for Mrs. Novak's health either.

"My son Tommy is 19-months-old," she said. "When I'm having these complications, it hurts to pick him up. My mom gets him from my house every day so that I don't disobey my doctor's orders by running after him."

Mrs. Novak made light of her current complications by telling us a funny story about her pregnancy.

"I'm not able to tie my shoes because my belly is too big," she said. "And when I was pregnant with Tommy, one day I had a huge craving for

"WHEN YOU'RE NURSING A BABY YOU DON'T REALLY GET A CHANCE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS. SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF."

a chocolate milkshake. I said to my dad 'Get me the biggest chocolate milkshake you can find.' He brought a large one from Dairy Queen and I drank the whole thing."

Mrs. Novak was grateful that her body didn't go through too many changes during her pregnancy.

"My feet get puffy by the end of the day, so

when I would wear sandals to work, I'd look down when I got home and my feet would be bulging out of them," she said. "But when my sister was pregnant, her nose got really big. They say that happens when you're having a girl, because the baby borrows her mother's beauty. My sister ended up having a girl."

Since there are a lot of new mothers at Lake Central, the teachers make an effort to spend some time together to share their journeys.

"I pretty much know all of the pregnant teachers and new moms. A lot of us go out to eat once a month to get out and socialize with each

other because we don't get out a lot. When you're nursing a baby you don't really get a chance to visit with friends. Sometimes you just need some time for yourself."

Because her due date is coming soon, Mrs. Novak has started to think of baby names. They want the sex of the baby to be a surprise, so coming up with a name is hard.

"If it's a girl, we want to name her Nora because Nora Novak sounds cute to us," she said. "We haven't decided on a name if it's a boy."

Mrs. Novak's pregnancy has had its share of complications. But at the end of the day, she's very happy about her growing family.

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GO PLAY IN THE DIRT

When Matthew Reynolds (11) goes mudding, he gets dirty, wet and cold. But it's still the activity that he enjoys the most. With a full tank of gas and mud on the ground, he sets off for a day of playing in the mud. But what exactly is mudding?

"You find some mud and you have some fun in it," Matt said. "You drive through it, you do doughnuts in it, you get your truck covered in it."

Matt is able to enjoy mudding because he has been doing it for so long. Matt said that his interest in playing in the mud started a long time ago. He went to a pep rally with his friend's older brother, and they all went mudding.

"They were all in high school and I was in third grade," Matt said.

Because Matt has been mudding for so many years, his friends feel comfortable going with him. When we went with Matt, we had a first-hand experience.

One rainy afternoon, Matt invited us to go mudding with him and Joshua Spyрка (11). We had no idea what we were getting ourselves into.

While we were looking for a mud pit to drive

through, one of Matt's truck tires got stuck in a muddy puddle. We spent the next two hours pushing the truck, shoveling mud from under the tires, getting frustrated when the truck wouldn't move, throwing each other into mud puddles, listening to Matt's stories about mudding, laughing and having a good time.

We knew that mudding was going to be fun, but it ended up being more fun than we had ever anticipated. Even though mudding is exciting, it can also be dangerous at times.

"BEING IN DANGER MAKES IT FUN. YOU GET A LOT OF ADRENALINE."

"I've been with people when they've gotten hurt. Our truck hit a tree and it fell on my friend's foot," Matt said. "His foot broke."

He admits that he has totaled two cars and has been in five accidents in his life.

"Being in danger makes it fun. You get a lot of adrenaline."

Another time, he was racing his car on a dirt bike track. The car hit a pothole, the front end flew into the air, and the front tires popped when they reached the ground.

"We stacked phonebooks, license plates, floormats and everything else we could find to

change the tires, and the jack was still sinking into the mud," Matt said. "We eventually had to get a bunch of people to lift up the car."

Reynolds knows how to get out of dangerous situations because of his experience in the Automotive Technology class.

"My truck has two-wheel drive so I basically always get stuck in the mud. If my car breaks down while I'm mudding, I know how to fix it."

Mudding is a very weather-dependent sport, because without rain there is not mud. On sunny days he and his friends often drive around the area to find new mudding spots for when it rains.

"We also go on trails with my truck and four wheelers, and we can also go hiking, hunting and camping."

Mudding never gets boring for Matt. Whether he gets stuck, his car breaks down, or he is covered in freezing mud, he has a new adventure each time he takes his truck out into the trails.

"It's a different thing every time. It never happens the same way twice," Matt said.

And what do his parents think of his going mudding?

"They don't care," Matt laughed. "As long as I don't get the house muddy."

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Step 1: Wake up.
Step 2: Eat lots of food.
Step 3: Wake up Matt and Josh.
Step 4: Find boots.
Step 5: Find mud and enjoy."
Andrew Semethy (11) said.



Step 1: Get everybody together.
Step 2: Get the trucks fueled up.
Step 3: Check the fluid in the trucks.
Step 4: Head out in the mud.
Step 5: Go for it."
Aaron Beer (10) said.



Step 1: Get woken up by Andrew Semethy (11).
Step 2: Get dressed.
Step 3: Go to the forest.
Step 4: Play in the mud."
Joshua Spyрка (11) said.

JUMP IN THE TRUCK

For Andrew Semethy (11), Aaron Beer (10) and Joshua Spyрка (11), a perfect day consists of going out into the mud. Before they go, they all get together and prepare for a day of fun.

"We go mudding every other weekend," Spyрка said. The boys go mudding because they like spending time with their friends.

"It's basically a whole day of messing around in the mud, getting stuck, chilling with my best friends and having a great time," Semethy said.

They're lucky enough to be able to play in the mud so often because they have access to a lot of property.

"My parents own the property where I mud at so whenever I get bored I just jump in the truck and have fun," Beer said.

Going mudding so often has made the friends enjoy it even more.

"I love mudding," Semethy said. "I'd do it every day if I could."
When Semethy, Beer and Spyрка go out into the mud, they know that they are in for an adventure together.

RIDIN' DIRTY



Eric Perego (12)

Eric Perego (12) spends his weekends off-roading in his mom's car. He goes in forests and dirt trails.

"I go all the time," Perego said. "Every time I don't have to work."

Perego started off-roading because a friend introduced him to it.

"Matthew Reynolds (11) showed me and I thought it was really fun," Perego said.

Even though he tries to avoid it, Perego sometimes gets in trouble because of his off-roading.

"I almost got a ticket for being within 200 feet of a railroad track," Perego said.

Perego likes going off-roading with his friends when they're bored.



MATT REYNOLDS

Getting the dirt on the expert off-roader

EIGHT IS NOT ENOUGH

Moving into a new neighborhood at a young age can be tricky, especially when it comes to friends. But what happens when it just so happens you have a huge family next door - just like yours?

This situation faced Shannen Sebahar (10) and her siblings when they moved next door to Matthew Rodriguez (10) and his siblings.

Since her move, Matt and Shannen have grown up together, both members of two huge families that live next door. Their memories of childhood are often times shared between the two of them, because the two large families are so intertwined.

"I spent most of my childhood with the Sebahars," Matt said. "I would go to sporting events and even family events with them."

Shannen even remembers a time that Matt picked her family over his own.

"Matt left his Communion party to come to mine because he liked being at my house so much," she said.

Both of the families have eight members,

including parents, and they live right next door to each other, which is sure to cause some chaos, especially at the beginning when the kids were a little younger.

"When my family first moved in, the Rodriguez boys kicked out our sprinkler system," Shannen said.

Matt also remembers some of his trouble-causing days at the Sebahars'.

"I THINK I WOULD BE A DIFFERENT PERSON IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE PEOPLE I HAD IN MY LIFE GROWING UP," SHANNEN SAID.

"When we were in kindergarten, Shannen got mad at me and chased me around her yard with a broom and told me to leave," he said.

As with most things in our lives, there are definite positives and negatives to having such a large family. Shannen says that the positives far outweigh the negatives.


"There are some negatives, like the fact the

someone is always out of the house," Shannen said. "But there are so many positives, too. I love having a big family. I am never home alone, and there is always something going on with us. My family pretty much gets along most of the time so it's always fun to be in my house."

Also with two large families living together, it's inevitable that the kids are going to bond. Matt and Shannen say that most of their siblings are also friends. Jaclyn Sebahar ('07) and Christopher Rodriguez ('07) and Amanda Sebahar ('08) and Ryan Rodriguez ('09) became close friends throughout the years of living close together. Because of this, everyone enjoyed getting together just to spend time hanging out.

"I loved living next to the Rodriguezes. Matt came over every day, and I treated him like my brother. I even yelled at him like he was my brother. He came to a lot of my family functions and even ate dinner with us. I think I would be a different person if I didn't have the people I had in my life as I was growing up."

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SHANNEN SEBAHAR & MATT RODRIGUEZ

16 people. 2 families. 1 childhood.

ONLY CHILDREN



"I like being an only child. Everyone thinks that you're spoiled being an only child, but you have more opportunities and you get more attention from your parents. I think it's also more lenient as far as rules," Ashley Klein (11) said.



"I love being an only child, because I'm really spoiled. I get a lot of presents on my birthday, and I can pretty much do a lot of what I want. I never really wanted siblings, and I begged my parents to not have more children," Alexis Hoyer (12) said.



"Being an only child is great, because I don't have to share with any siblings. A lot of time is spent just me by myself without anyone bothering, which is good, because everyone needs some alone time," Sean Morgan (9) said.

ONE STUDENT, SEVERAL CHANGES

Gandhi once said, "An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching." It's one thing to want to make a difference, but it's another thing to actually do something about it.

Several students around the school believe that there could be many things being done to help the planet. Jacob Kozel (10) wanted to make a difference, so he got together with Mrs. Anne Ruiz, Science, to start the first Lake Central Environmental Club.

It wasn't easy getting everything together. Jake had to jump through many loopholes before the club could start being active.

The process started with having to find a willing sponsor. After weeks of preparing, Jake and Mrs. Ruiz finally had the plans worked out, and the only thing left to do was get the okay from the administration.

Jake has a strong belief that people around the world should be doing whatever it takes to help keep the Earth a safe place.

"I feel it is our duty to protect the planet. Humanity has the potential to do great things or to permanently harm our future. I think we are at a pivotal point in our future when our decision to help or not to help the planet will have a huge effect on us. When we hurt the environment, we only hurt our future and our planets," Jake said.

Jake believes that the large student body can be used to the advantage of spreading awareness. Jake intends on using that to his advantage to spread his ideas. His ideas will spread from students to the community, other schools, and eventually businesses.

With the concept of a large school in mind, Jake went to form LCEC, which works as a club to formulate ideas to raise awareness on the environment throughout the school.

"We worked with Mrs. [Sandie] Platt at the beginning of the year to get those bottle recycling 'bottles' put in the school. We're also working to spread awareness by discussing issues at our meetings and then spreading the word throughout the school. I want to raise awareness of how much LC can help the whole community

"go green." Lake Central can lead by example in ways like recycling whenever we can, or through practices like efficient use of our school grounds," Jake said.

"Going green" is not just something that Jake practices at club meetings. He takes the saying, "Practice what you preach" to a whole new level. At home, he saves power in whatever ways he can, and he also recycles just about everything.

Jake takes his ideas home with him by using energy efficient, compact fluorescent light bulbs that conserve more energy and last longer than traditional light bulbs. He has coerced his family into insulating throughout the house to keep the house warmer, conserving energy so the furnace is not on for prolonged periods of time. Jake's family has even invested in a device that measures how much power the family goes through and use it to see where else energy can be saved.

What influenced Jake's thinking in terms of going green was learning about climate change. He couldn't believe

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how society had reacted.

But this is not the only area in which Jake feels strongly about.

"I'm very interested in many different causes. Right now, I just try to raise awareness one person at a time. Some other causes I'm interested in are the Darfur genocide, AIDS and poverty in Africa, and the World Wildlife Fund. I want to help these causes just as much as the environment. After high school, I'm considering joining the Peace Corps," Jake said.

Jake's activism will not end when he graduates from high school. He plans to continue his efforts to push for more understanding of the environment.

Being a leader is something that he really wants to pursue in life. He wants to someday join a non-profit organization or start his own, educating as many people as he can.

"In order to change the world, someone has to take the initiative and be a leader. Thinking is good, but doing has much more effect."

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JAKE KOZEL

Founder of Lake Central Environmental Club

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Kristen Kuechle (11)

"[I like] learning about the environment better. We try to inform the school on what they can do to help out the environment. We help the school be more earth-friendly and more green. I've always had a thing for nature," Kristen Kuechle (11) said.



Corinne Wilschke (10)

"I enjoy learning about different environmental issues going on in our world, and coming up with simple solutions to help. Being a brand new club, we've been working to fundraise money so we can do more activities next year. We also got recycling receptacles for bottles and cans throughout Lake Central. I would love to help out our community by planting trees, picking up trash, and raising awareness about global environmental issues. It's our world we live in, and we need to take care of it for us and future generations," Corinne Wilschke (10) said.

KRISTINE MULLIGAN

Parrots, bearded dragons and horses, oh my

ZOOLOGY 101



Dr. Dustin Verpooten, Science



Alisha Auer (12)



Sarah Veronesi (12)

For e students who have an interest in animals, there is now a zoology class offered. Dr. Dustin Verpooten, Science, holds a semester-long class teaching students all about animals.


"I was so excited this year when they added zoology. Since I was a kid, I've always loved animals," Alisha Auer (12) said.

Students even get the chance to dissect animals along the way.

"The dissection opportunities they have in the course really reinforce what they study in the classroom," Verpooten said.

Students are joyed to hear about this new class opportunity.

"I've learned that there are way more things to learn about animals. And that birds are nuts!" Sarah Veronesi (12) said.

A photograph of a person's hands holding two animals. One hand holds a cockatiel with a yellow crest and grey body. The other hand holds a brown bearded dragon. The person is wearing a dark green t-shirt with a logo that says "ALSIP Pet Nursery" and "Best of Every Year".

ALL ABOUT THE ANIMALS

Many people love and have a place in their heart for animals, but in Kristine Mulligan's (12) case, her whole heart is filled with passion for them.

"It all started when I was little. When I would go to my grandma's house or even at my own house, I would always be watching the Discovery channel and other animal shows I could find on TV," Kristine said.

Even though she was learning and becoming more interested in animals, Kristine never actually had a pet until she was 10.

"My family didn't have any pets when I was young, so I wasn't around animals very much which made me want to pursue them even more."

Once she got her first dog, she began trying even harder to get closer to her dream job of becoming a zoologist.

"I started volunteering at a stable, then applied to Pet Supplies 'Plus' and worked there for a while. Then, this past November I applied to Alsip and currently work there."

By simply switching pet stores, Kristine has been exposed to another whole level of caring for and learning about animals.

"I like Alsip a lot more because instead of just dealing with things like nutrition, I get a lot more interaction with the animals."

"I DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE A 'FAVORITE' ANIMAL. MY DREAM JOB IS TO TRAVEL THE WORLD, TEACHING PEOPLE ABOUT ANIMALS."

When it comes to favorites, Kristine seems to have an equal interest for all animals.

"I don't necessarily have a 'favorite' animal. There's not one animal I don't like. I'd say horses are my favorite domestic animals, but when it comes to exotic animals I could never choose."

Her deep interest in animals is more than just an after-school hobby. The significance of them in her life is guiding her to future career.

"When I was choosing my major it was between art and zoology. But art is just one of my hobbies, while animals are my life."

Kristine strives every day to come closer to the job of her dreams. Her ambitions may be large, but she still has a logical plan behind the goal she has set for herself.

"As for college, I plan on staying local for my first year to get all of my prerequisites out of the way. Then I want to transfer to a college in Florida or Colorado. I'd like to be in the element of the animals opposed to how they are all domesticated in Indiana."

The transfer is necessary for her to find a zoology major. Most people associate zoologists with the people who work at an actual zoo, but the field of zoology is much broader than most people assume.

"Zoology is an extremely wide field of work. My dream job is to travel the world, teaching people about animals. I'd like to teach people about endangered animals and conservation to support wildlife in the future."

Her goal is not only to directly help animals, but to teach people about animals and in turn provide a generation with knowledge that will continue keeping animals safe as time goes by. When Kristine grows up she hopes to have animals of her own to train.

"My house is definitely going to be a zoo when I'm older. I would love to live in the country on a ranch with my horses, dogs and everything else. I hope my nearest neighbor lives miles away."

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NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

First impressions are hard to go by. When it comes to people, the first impression is never the last. For Brandy Montgomery (10), the “girl with a tough cover,” few people understand the true feelings of a girl with more than one story.

“I am a dreamer. I like when people are real. I’m different from people because I see more,” Brandy said. “I look at people and somehow relate to the things they hide from the world around them.”

The strong-willed impression people often receive after meeting Brandy strongly conflicts with who she really is: an inspired poet.

“I think it’s an eye-opener to people because they see that I am so much more than just ‘tough,’” Brandy said. “They realize that I can understand anything they throw at me and look at it from any point of view.”

Brandy has been writing poetry since fifth grade, having a number of books packed with emotion-filled poems. Her poems tell stories that any person can easily connect to.

“I try to write about what most people can relate to, my life stories as well as others that I see or hear about,” Brandy said.

Most people have their own ways of dealing with aspects in their life and Brandy finds her escape while losing herself in her writing.

“It’s [my poetry] taken away some of the confusion that comes with life. I can be really affected by an incident and never know until I start to write and then realize what it was that bothered me,” Brandy said.

**“PEOPLE COME IN LAYERS; THERE’S
MORE TO US THAN MEETS THE EYES.”**

Brandy plans to continue writing her poetry, though it is not meant for the public eye.

“I write more music now than I do poetry, but I definitely want to continue writing. Although I write in different points of view, I’ve never really written for it to be read, unless I wrote it for someone.

Though Brandy may not see poetry taking a part in her career, she is confident that she will achieve her goals.

“My lifestyle is ambitious. I think of what I want and then I live trying to get it,” Brandy said.

The experiences Brandy has lived through are not considered completely negative because they are the inspirations behind her writing.

“I think that I have been blessed to be able to feel emotions deep enough to understand them. I believe everyone has some talent of their own,” Brandy said. “I think everything I’ve been through reflects on the outside, but everything I’m about is yet to be figured out.”

The ‘Brandy Montgomery Story’ has many finished chapters. The rest of the book, however, she is still writing.

“The truth about me is I don’t know what to be. I forget who to believe because I don’t know what to believe,” excerpt from Brandy’s poetry.

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DEALING WITH EMOTIONS



"I like expressing my emotions through being creative and drawing. It helps me relax and it's fun to do," Courtney Myers (10) said.



"When I am angry or in a bad mood, I listen to music. It helps me vent," Mark Sknerski (12) said.



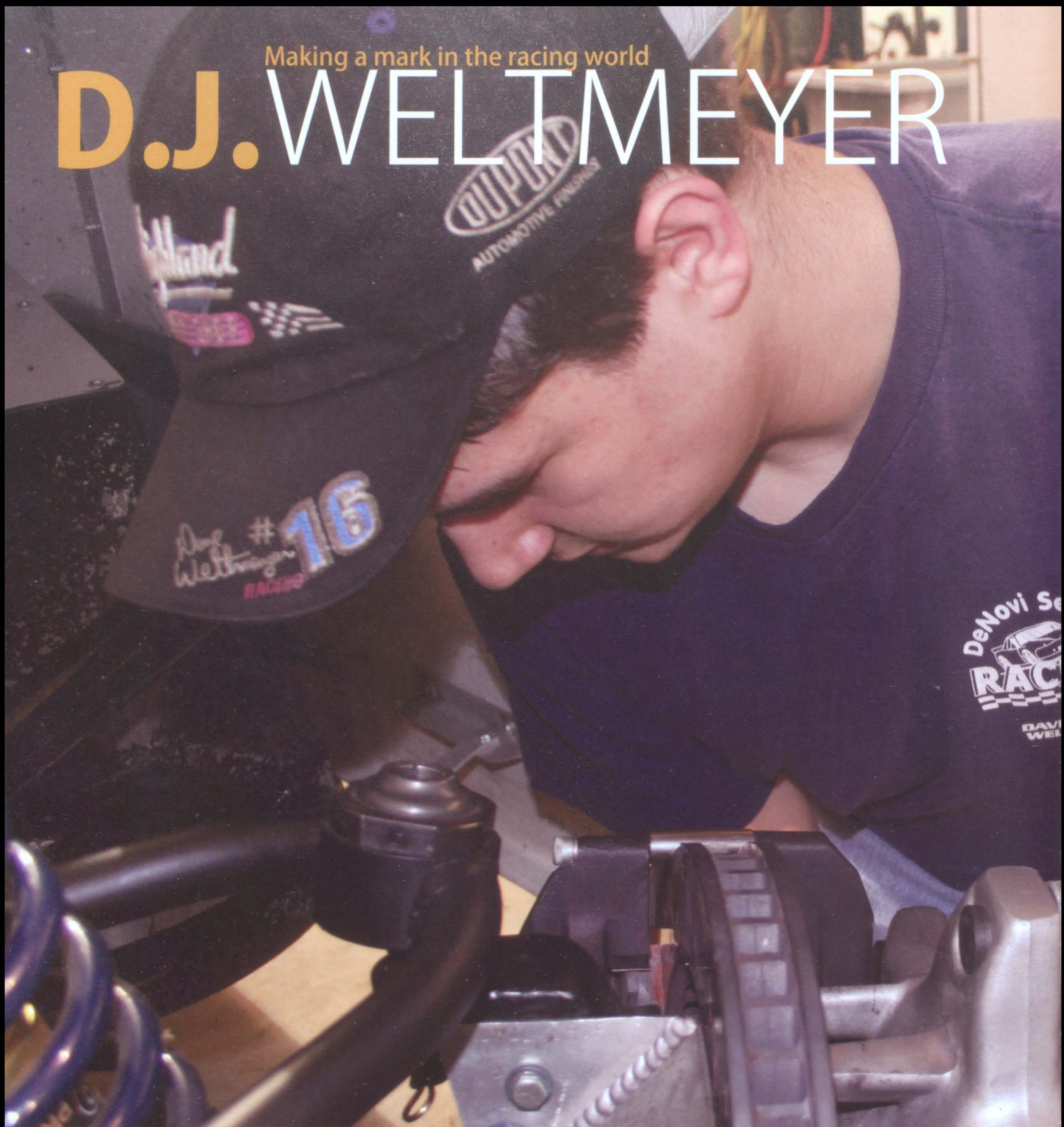
"When I get upset, I brush my pearly whites! It makes me feel better when I know my teeth are plaque free," Jessica Jorge (11) said.

BRANDY MONTGOMERY

Proving there are 2 sides to every story

Making a mark in the racing world

D.J. WELTMAYER



AUTO SHOP, ANYONE?

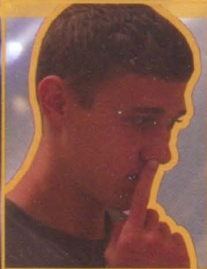
Students who are greatly interested in cars join Auto to learn more about their hobby, but they can never imagine what they will learn in the class. First year students are in Auto I, where they take a lot of notes and learn about the different parts on a car.

"I'm excited to be able to work on the cars next year," Drew Vos (10) said.

Michael Capriglione (11) enjoys being in auto class because he believes it to be a good career to get into.

"I like to work on cars and learn about the new and old technologies," Capriglione said.

Adam Groat (12) joined the class for his love of fixing up cars. "It took me a week and a half to fix my two front struts, and front driver side axle. So far, I've spent \$265 repairing my car," Groat said.



Drew Vos (10)



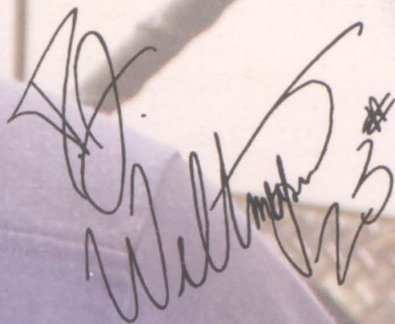
Michael Capriglione (11)



Adam Groat (12)

23: JUST A NUMBER?

Finding a reason behind Weltmeyer's racing number



"My middle name is James and I was named after my Uncle Jimmy. I never had the chance to meet him. When he raced, he was the number 23 – so was my grandpa. My dad raced too. When he raced locally his number was 16, and when he raced professionally his number was 39. When you subtract the two you get the number 23. So this number really means a lot to me and my family," D.J. said.

READY, SÉT, GO!

The clicking of the seat belts, the revving of the engine, the voices through the headset, the green flag falling; all of these make up a single moment David Weltmeyer (11) has been training for his whole life. He has been going to the racetrack since he was three months old. And after two years of preparing, D.J. is getting ready to drive onto the track at Illiana Speedway to finally make his dream come true.

"I started practicing throughout my sophomore year. We went to a few tracks to get as many laps as I could," D.J. said.

From going to the racetracks at a young age, he became hooked on the whole aspect of racing. The fact that his family did it just made D.J. want to be involved even more.

"My dad has raced for the past 35 years. My grandpa and uncles have also raced, so I guess you could say it's in the family blood," D.J. said.

All his life he has been planning on following in his family's footsteps by going out and making his mark in the racing world. D.J.'s parents have been his main source of support for every step he makes to bring him closer to his goal of professionally racing.

"My parents are fully behind me in racing. My mom is the car owner and helps as much as she can. My dad is crew chief, car chief

"MY DAD HAS RACED FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. MY GRANDPA AND UNCLES HAVE ALSO RACED, SO I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT'S IN THE FAMILY BLOOD."

and driving coach," D.J. said.

He plans on continuing his passion throughout his life by making a living in the racing world whether he's driving or working on the racecars. To D.J., racing is not just a hobby, it's a lifestyle. Weltmeyer races in a 2010 Impala SS. He spends a lot of his free time making improvements like changing the oil to replacing springs and shocks on his car. Racing isn't cheap, especially for D.J., who buys the parts and works on it himself.

"Since we've had [the Impala], between the chassis, motor, suspension parts and body parts, the price is probably in the \$30-50 thousand range," D.J. said.

All of the improvements D.J. makes to his Impala make it easier to control and all around more effective racecar. During his races he has gotten his Impala to hit about 120-125 miles per hour. Driving a car over 100 miles per hour as it turns the track is extremely hard to control due to the fast speeds. D.J. has spent years practicing and yet he still finds himself getting a bit uneasy before a race.

"You're always nervous when it is your first time doing something, and this is no different. The nerves will go away as soon as the green flag drops. I'm just as excited, though. I can't wait for the green flag to drop so I can race a racecar for the first time," D.J. said.

D.J. even had the chance to meet NASCAR driver Kyle Busch. After winning the cup race, he had the chance to take pictures with the professional racer in the victory lane.

"We went up by Kyle and the trophy and took some pictures. It was really amazing. I felt like I was on the red carpet," D.J. said.

All the hard work, money and dedication pays off when D.J. races. It's a huge step forward toward his future. D.J. is ready to take on the race knowing that his family is going to be on the sidelines cheering him on all the way.

"The best part is all the fun I have doing the best I can, and seeing a smile on my parents' faces when I run a fast lap. I can say that I haven't been more proud as a son when I see their faces light up because they are proud of me," D.J. said.

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DAVID PICIOSKI

Macedonian dancing since age nine

KICKING IT CULTURALLY

Hey what's up Lake Central, this is David Picioski, here with your sports update." students see David Picioski (11) on the TV screen every SRT, and most people would know him as the "sports guy." But what people don't see is his story that makes him different from his peers at school.

Besides events like Homecoming, Winter Formal and Prom, it can be rare to see high school boys dancing. David takes part in a different type of dancing than most people are used to; he performs cultural Macedonian dances.

"I started in a dance group at my church when I was nine, and I was in the group for about a year and a half," David said.

Picioski belongs to a Macedonian church in the area called Saints Peter and Paul.

"We have church dances and dances for certain holidays. Everyone at the church knows all the traditional group dances," he said.

The large customary dances at parties start out as a circle, and the dance becomes like a maze as the circle breaks apart and the people move through the dance.

David still participates in special events where he performs more specialized Macedonian dances. In February, he and two other boys

went to an international showcase night at Valparaiso University and displayed their routines.

"When we perform we wear big white pants, a white shirt with a red vest and black moccasins. The guys' outfits are mostly solid, and the girls have more elaborate costumes," he said. "The music is fun; it has a lot of accordion,

"IT'S REALLY DIFFERENT GOING FROM A PARTY WITH MY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL TO A PARTY WITH A BUNCH OF MACEDONIANS."

saxophone, clarinet and piano."

David experiences contrasting customs often.

"It's really different going from a party with my friends from school to a party with a bunch of Macedonians. The atmosphere is really different. At Macedonian parties everyone is really festive, and the dances are orderly," David said.

David is 100% Macedonian, and can speak Macedonian fluently. His father was born in Macedonia, and his mother was born in the United States, but went to high school in

Macedonia.

"I've been to Macedonia six times, and I was actually christened there," David said. "There are no direct flights to Macedonia, so I've been pretty much everywhere in Europe, except for England."

David also continues the traditions of his heritage through sports. Like most countries in Europe, soccer is the most popular sport in Macedonia. He plays on the varsity soccer team and takes part in his church's annual soccer tournaments.

In 2006, he played in a soccer tournament in Macedonia. The tournament is held every year as a memorial for Stefan Toleski, a 23-year-old Macedonian soccer player who had a heart attack during a game and passed away.

David plans to continue playing soccer recreationally after high school. He also wants to stay involved in Macedonian culture.

"I would like to carry on the Macedonian traditions with the next generation, but I think that by the time I would be having kids, it may die out. The people are already becoming more Americanized and are not doing all the same things that our parents did," David said.

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KEEPIN' IT SERBIAN



"I've been doing **Serbian dance** since I was five. It's been in my family; my parents signed my sisters up, so we just all do it. My group travels and we've **performed** in places like Chicago and Wisconsin. I like the people in it. We're all really close. Mainly all the things I do have to do with being Serbian. **It's all I know.**"

Ana Alavanja (10)

THE ART OF EXPRESSION

Artists make profound statements on the world, and Samantha Yadron (9) is starting to make hers. This young artist has big dreams and aspirations to paint the world red with a stroke of her paintbrush.

Samantha started creating her art in sixth grade, and just recently got more involved. Since coming here, Samantha has learned more techniques about different styles of art from her art teacher Mrs. Sandy Bushong than in any of her past years.

"I really like the art program at LC. Last year I learned a lot, but I'm learning more this year," Samantha said. "I may not like it when Bushong demonstrates, but she always gives me small things to improve on."

Samantha is planning on continuing with the art program throughout high school, but because of scheduling conflicts will not be able to take art her sophomore year.

"I'm still planning on drawing and painting on my own," Samantha said. "I'm not planning my next project, though; I just get out canvas and paints and let my brush work."

But Samantha's art aspirations stretch far beyond high school. She's planning on taking art classes in college and maybe even painting as a career.

"I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT MY ART BEING IN A MUSEUM."

"I've always dreamed about my art being in a museum," Samantha said. "I go to the Museum of Contemporary Art a lot, and I think it would be cool to see my art hanging somewhere like that."

After trying out a number of different art styles in her classes, Samantha can safely say that the contemporary style is her favorite.

"Contemporary art applies more to me. It comments on the psychological path of us and the corruptness of society," Samantha said.

The Islamic art that she's worked on in class uses these symbolic principles to express the same ideas.

"What I'm currently drawing is supposed to look like a disease," Samantha said. "I used contrasting colors to symbolize this and comment on how society is corrupt, like a disease corrupts."

She uses the art of Salvador Dali and Georgia O'Keeffe to inspire her in her work.

"I like the way Dali paints, he makes his colors pop and I'd like to learn how to do that," Samantha said. "O'Keeffe paints what she sees, and I like the way she closes in on flowers."

These artists have motivated Samantha to want to try new things and use new tools to create her colorful mark on the world.

"I really want to paint with oils; we don't get to at LC. I'd also like to learn to paint layers and with more texture," Samantha said.

She has been painting a lot in class, but she said that drawing is still her favorite type of expression to do on her own.

"I like drawing more abstract things. I let my pencil go wherever it wants," Samantha said. "I like to create things on a piece of paper."

Art is more than just expression for Samantha. She uses painting and drawing to escape from her troubles.

"Lately art has helped me deal with my problems. More of my art is focusing on the problems of society and it can apply to everyone," Samantha said.

Samantha's dreams begin here, but will reach much further, because she truly enjoys what she does.

"Art helps me express myself. It distracts me from everything else that's going on," she said.

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ARTISTIC AMBITIONS

A tattoo and pastry artist's testimonial



"I do almost any type of art. There are no limits for me but two of my favorite types of art would be tattoo art and pastry art. I am enrolled now to take tattooing classes. I am also taking culinary classes as well. I aspire to open my own tattoo shop and bakery. My grandmother tells me that I have been creating art since I could pick up a pencil. If it weren't for my grandmother and her inspiration and motivation, I would have never started being so creative. Kat Von D has inspired me to pursue tattooing and to be very independent. She has also driven me to be proud of my tattoos. She taught me that you can still be heavily tattooed and you can carry yourself in a feminine way. My art is inspired by everything around me: emotions, nature, music and especially other artwork. I very much encourage others to go into the field of art. There are absolutely no limitations or rules when being creative!" Alexandria Rivera (12) said.

SAMANTHA YADRON

A talented freshman lets her art do the talking

KICKING WITH CONFIDENCE

Bow when entering room. Strap on boxing gloves. Put on a game face. The punching bag waits. It's on. Magdaline Mouratides (12) has been practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, kickboxing and Muay Thai at Corral's Martial Arts for two years now and she's come a long way from when she started this "deadly art."

"I remember the very first day I went in there. I walked in there and there was this huge, ripped woman that shook my hand and said, 'Hi. My name is Bree, and I'll be kicking your butt today.' At first, I wanted to run out of there. But then I thought, 'I could get used to this,'" Maggie said.

Sam, her older brother, introduced Maggie to Jiu-Jitsu. He was the first in the family to spark an interest in martial arts. She has since followed in his footsteps.

Maggie practices Muay Thai, kickboxing and Jiu-Jitsu regularly. She can be found training seven hours on average per week. A typical routine for her kickboxing class includes a warmup, cardio and combinations. She and her class do stations and practice different workouts on different types of bags. Then, the class

divides into partners and use focus mitts. One partner holds a mitt, which pads the blows received. The class works out using different combinations and take downs, and then finishes with a burnout, hitting the bags as fast as possible in a minute, and stretching.

"Mixed martial arts is where I learned to be dedicated in the first place. It's taught me so much about life and myself. I apply

"YOU DON'T NEED TO RELY ON ANYBODY ELSE. I FEEL VERY INDEPENDENT. IT TAUGHT ME DETERMINATION."

it to every aspect of life," Maggie said.

For Maggie, martial arts is a lifestyle, not just a hobby. In the practice of Jiu-Jitsu, Maggie has learned not just how to throw somebody to the ground, but also how to rely on herself.

While on the mat, it's just you and your opponent. No one else is there to help you. You must depend on your own strength to succeed.

"You don't need to rely on anybody else. I feel very independent," Maggie said. "It taught me determination. If I think I can do

it, I can. It's just given me confidence."

This confidence has given her an opportunity to become more self-reliant. This is necessary for martial arts. Unlike team sports, Maggie does not have any teammates to have her back.

"I played basketball and soccer, but by far I prefer kickboxing because I can depend on myself, and you learn about yourself," Maggie said.

Maggie has an environment where she can thrive at Corral's. It's an entirely different world when Maggie bows and enters those doors.

"It's the whole atmosphere. It's thinking about frustration and imagining a situation where I'd need to defend myself. I could be fighting with my boyfriend and forget about everything and focus," Maggie said.

When she's in the zone, she is unstoppable. All of her strength and mind power is focused on that her target. Maggie says she is most comfortable at Corral's practicing her throw downs.

"It feels natural, I guess. I've come to love it," Maggie said. *Page by: Katrina Burgos & Jacquelyn Brazzale*

GETTING FAMILIAR WITH A MARTIAL ART



- 1 "It teaches you self-defense. You know what to do in a fight. It teaches you some ground work," Pedro Heredia (10) said.
- 2 It's kind of like wrestling because it's all on the ground. But it's also very different because there's locks, chokes, and holds," Bogdan Jevtic (10) said.
- 3 "It's fun in competition. I won first place at the EGO competition in Indianapolis," Rory O'Day (12) said.

MAGGIE MOURATIDES

10 bucks says she can kick your butt

WHEN NINJAS INVADE



Andrew Lasky (10) and Suzanne Mulligan (10)



Joshua Mirowski (10) and Dr. Dustin Verpooten



Edward Willis (11), Adam Karcz (12), Andres Arellano (12) and Erik Bisson (12)

"Over spring break, I went on a road trip to Florida with my three partners in crime [Adam Karcz (12), Erik Bisson(12), and Andres Arellano(12)]. It all started when we were walking down the beach and a group of girls started to chase us, so we met up with them. They asked 'Have you guys ever played Ninja?'. We said, 'Ninja? What is that?' We tried once, and it was a failed attempt. The next day, we see these beautiful girls. We met up with them. They asked if we played Ninja before. We were like, 'Everybody is talking about this ninja game!' so then they showed us and taught us how to play. So we sat there for hours. It's probably the best game of the 21st century. We played it for hours and became masters of Ninja. We said that we were going to bring it back to the 21st. We're going to spread it like wildfire, and that's exactly what we did. We came back to school and showed everybody Ninja. It's like the new sensation," Edward Willis (11) said.

NOW YOU TRY:

EGG FRITTATA



Ingredients:

- Eggs
- Spinach
- Mushrooms
- Onions
- Red Pepper
- Olives
- Herb Butter
- Chicken Sausage
- Cheese

Directions:

Start by greasing a pan with herb butter and place it on the stove on a medium setting. while the pan heats start cutting the spinach, mushrooms, onions, red peppers, olives and chicken sausage into small slices. Place the ingredients in the pan to fry. While they

fry crack the eggs into a bowl the whisk them till they form a smooth mixture. Next pour the eggs into the pan and let stand for about 10 minutes. Place in oven at 350 degrees. After 5 minutes sprinkle cheese of your choice into the pan. Let sit for another 10 minutes or untill golden brown.

OTHER CHEFS IN THE KITCHEN

Students in Foods I



"My favorite thing to make was the muffins because my group took extra chocolate chips to put in," Brookelyn Tucker (10) said.



"My favorite thing to make was chocolate chip cookies. It was fun and easy to make," Danica Sadural (10) said.



"My favorite recipe that we did was Reese's chewy chocolate chip cookies," Melissa DeYoung (10) said.

CHRIS KONOPASEK

Creating masterpieces that look good enough to eat

A photograph of a person wearing a red t-shirt with the word 'NAVY' in white capital letters. They are in a kitchen, and their hands are visible near a stove. The background shows a white door with square panels.

BEYOND THE RECIPE

Walking into the kitchen, you hear something sizzling on the stove. You smell the aroma of different spicy and sweet ingredients being combined. Your mouth starts to water at the thought of the first bite. You see Christopher Konopasek (10) working behind the stove, cooking up a storm.

It's Thursday night, and tonight's theme is Italian. The plan is to make an egg frittata with an arugula salad.

Chris starts by mixing ten eggs in a large glass bowl. Next, Chris searches the refrigerator for another ingredient to add. A new smell greets the room as he adds Italian cheese to the bowl. The ingredients are whisked together to form a creamy mixture.

Next, he pulls out a tray of freshly prepared red peppers, onions, spinach, olives and mushrooms. With it, he takes out chicken sausage for the frittata. He throws these ingredients into a pan that has already been greased with an herb butter made from scratch. He puts the pan on the stove and after ten minutes, he places it in the oven. Later, Chris checks on his creation and sprinkles on another layer of cheese.

"You just eye it. I don't use measuring cups when cooking," Chris said.

With cooking, there's a lot of room for creativity. There is room for Chris to create an edible masterpiece. Chris has been working on perfecting his art for the past five years.

"My mom got remarried. She married a sous chef," Chris said. "My

**"IT CAN EXPRESS WHO YOU ARE:
THE COLORS, THE FLAVORS, THE
TEXTURES AND THE AROMA. "**

stepdad works in the Metropolitan Club in the Willis Tower."

His stepdad got him started and taught him the basics. On his own, he has looked up recipes and watched cooking shows.

"I watch the Food Network, and I like to test it out. I use their ideas all the time. I like to put my creative twist. I've taken basic things that other people make and completely turn it around," Chris said.

His next step in preparing the night's dinner is making the salad. The ingredients create a colorful spread from the purple in the endive leaves to the red in the baby tomatoes. A dash of another bright color is thrown into the mix as he zests oranges.

Chris then starts creating his homemade orange vinaigrette dressing to complement the salad. In an old blender, he combines balsamic vinegar, freshly squeezed orange juice and a clove of garlic. His unique flair is an ingredient imported from France called orange flower water.

"It's pretty special. My stepdad got it from work," Chris said.

Chris has taken his knowledge from his stepdad used it to create his own unique cooking style. He prefers to make innovative dishes more than following set recipes.

"I do [get creative]. If you're reading a recipe, and I don't have this or that, I can just replace it with something else. It's always fun to try to throw something new in," Chris said.

No timer dings, but Chris knows the frittata is almost done. He carefully removes his creation from the oven, and the steam begins to rise.

The smell of dinner fills the house as he says, "It's perfect. It's golden."

Chris begins to cut the dish into triangle slices and delicately places them on the plates that already hold the salad. His final touch is to add his special dressing.

"It's more fun to plate it. It gives you a sense of a pride. It [cooking] can express who you are: the colors, the flavors, the textures and the aroma. Cooking is an art," Chris said.

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CAPTURING THE MOMENT

A picture is worth a thousand words. This is one of the many reasons why Taylor Carlson (10) has turned photography from a hobby into a passion. Taylor started to become involved with photography when she was in sixth grade. After showing an interest in art, Taylor did some research and decided this was something she'd like to try.

"I saw some amazing pictures when I was looking things up online and a bell kind of rang in my head," Taylor said.

Her passion for photography also grew from a middle school friendship. In sixth grade, Taylor met Emily Eaton (10). After hating each other, the two started talking and became attached at the hip.

"[Emily] would take pictures and after looking at them, I realized that this was something I could love doing," Taylor said.

When Taylor first started out, both she and Emily would find places to practice their photography. The two made frequent trips to the Calumet Bridge, where they experimented with angles and lighting. Taylor and Emily have drifted through the years but Emily still remains a fan of Taylor's work.

"She's progressed a lot with her photos, and I hope she keeps getting better," Emily said.

For the past four years, Taylor has dedicated a lot of her time to photography. It's the experience of capturing a memory or moment

"WHEN I TAKE PHOTOS OF [NATURE], IT MAKES ME APPRECIATE THE WORLD A LITTLE MORE."

which can be shared down the road that she enjoys most. It's also the everyday items that Taylor turns her attention to for inspiration.

"I like that I can capture the little things that many people don't notice or appreciate," Taylor said.

Taylor adds a variety of subjects to her pictures, ranging from landscapes to local concerts.

"I have more than one subject that I like in my photos, but my favorite photo is probably one that I took at a local concert of Josh Drake from the band, Dear Noel. I love capturing people in action as they pursue their passion because it is even more inspiring," Taylor said.

Taylor shows another huge interest in nature shots. To her, pictures of the outdoors are the most eye opening.

"When I take photos of [nature], it makes me appreciate the world a little more," Taylor said.

Like many hobbies, photography is an outlet for Taylor to express herself and her interests. She keeps her camera with her to capture moments at the most unexpected times.

"I like the spontaneity of some of my pictures. When I go somewhere, I like to look out for things that catch my eye," Taylor said.

Next year, Taylor will be a part of the Scout staff as a photographer. After high school, she plans on attending Harrington College of Design in Chicago and majoring in photography. She hopes this will be a good foundation for a future in photography.

"Photography impacts my life and my outlook on life. [It] captures the memories some may forget, and emphasize the things some may look past. I intend to push forward with my passion and help people to realize what is being missed," Taylor said.

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DEVELOPING PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photography is quickly becoming one of the most popular hobbies. While some have been practicing this art since they were in elementary school, others are now just beginning to dive into the world of photography. Emily Eaton (10) is an experienced photographer who picked up a camera for the first time in second grade.

"The first time I held a disposable camera, I was seven years old," Eaton said.

For others, photography is just beginning to become a part of their lives. Kevin Gombos (12) began to show an extreme interest in taking pictures his senior year.

"I shudder to think how many people are underexposed and lacking depth in all things," Gombos said.

Angel Makowski (10) is another student who plans on making photography a part of her future.

"I'd really love to become a photographer because there are so many different fields to go to; it could be adventurous, or it could be right at home. [Either way] I'm definitely going to dedicate my life to it," Makowski said.

Photography is on the rise as more and more teens are making this hobby an outlet for their thoughts and feelings.



Kevin Gombos (12)




Emily Eaton (10)



Angel Makowski (10)

TAYLOR CARLSON

Making a name in the photography world

Taylor Carlson **281** 

FLYING SOLO

If you attended the Talent Show this year you may remember the winner of the instrumental award rocking your socks off while doing a drum solo. Steven Fondren-Mitchell (9) has been playing drums for over 10 years. He dedicates his time to drumming on a daily basis, holds the position of first chair in Concert Band and aspires to become a famous drummer.

"I started drumming when I was two years old. I practice at least once every day, if not more," Marshawn said.

In Marshawn's life, music is not just a hobby, it's a lifestyle. By spending such a large amount of time on the drums, his talent has only gotten better throughout the years.

"My brother was the first person to spark my interest in drums. He was one of the drummers for the church I went to in Chicago. Once I became interested, I also started playing drums at church."

When band was made available to him in school, Marshawn jumped on the chance to participate.

"This is the fifth year I've been in band. I enjoy it because music makes me feel good."

This year Marshawn decided to take a chance and perform at the Talent Show.

"I came to see the Talent Show here at LC when I was in eighth grade, and realized I wanted to take part in it."

His performance not only made waves in the talent show, but he also received a large amount of applause and great reactions from the crowd. Not only winning over the students' opinions, but also the judges', he went on to win best instrumental act and with an award of \$50. With a round of applause cheering him on, Marshawn continues to follow his dream.

"I thought the Talent Show had very good results. I really enjoyed and loved it."

Throughout his drumming experience, Marshawn has always had an idol to look up to and model himself and his drumming after.

"Vinnie Colaiuta is my idol. He plays about every style of music and he masters all of them. He plays so well."

Not limiting himself to just one genre, Marshawn explores a wide range of music to play, exposing himself to many new beats and sounds.

"I play everything. I am open to every style of music because it makes me a better musician. I have more fun with a lot more music. I also used to play a little bit of guitar and bass, but never really played them enough to get better at them."

He also stays involved with his music outside of school by being a part of three different bands with his friends.

"I'm actually in three separate bands. I usually play with them in places like Lansing, Alsip, Merrillville, Tinley Park and Lowell."

He plans to continue his very involved drumming hobby into the future and hopes to succeed by doing the one thing he loves the most.

"I definitely see myself having a future with drums. My dream is to become a famous drummer."

Marshawn spreads his talent through not only Marching Band, but also Concert Band, Jazz Band, Winter Percussion and Winter Ensemble. His win at the Talent Show is only the beginning of his future in drumming.

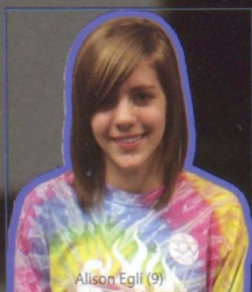
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"I AM OPEN TO EVERY STYLE OF MUSIC BECAUSE IT MAKES ME A BETTER MUSICIAN."

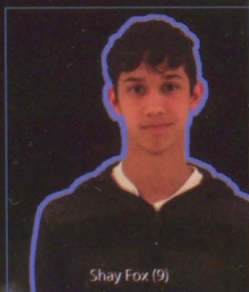
WE GOT THE BEAT



Jacob Egli (12)



Alison Egli (9)



Shay Fox (9)

Setting the beat of each song played, percussion is the foundation of band.

"I've been playing for five years already and plan on playing for all four years of high school," Shay Fox (9) said.

Other band members such as Jacob Egli (12) have already been through their four years of band.

"Drums are my primary instrument. I just decided I wanted to play them one day and went for it," Egli said.

Inspired by her brother, Alison Egli (9) is another freshman who is experiencing her first year in high school band.

"My brother got me into the drums. I grew up with the program so I decided to continue it," Alison said.

Jacob feels confident leaving band in the able hands of these dedicated freshmen.

CRASH, BANG, BOOM

Each part of percussion lends it's own beat

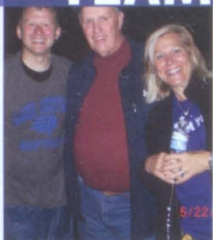


To make such harmonious beats, each drummer needs a number of tools to create the sound they desire. Marshawn explains how each part of percussion lends a hand in the musical process. Shown in the first photo is a part named the "tom". The tom is used for fills and other certain rhythms in a song. Second is what is called a "crash". The crash is used to give phrases in a beat. And thirdly, there is the snare. This loud drum gives an overall beat to a song, carrying the rhythm through. Without such a wide range of sounds to be created, any type of percussion would seem dull and uninteresting compared to how intricate sounds can be created with all of these different types of instruments that make up percussion.

MARSHAWN FONDREN

First chair percussionist

TEAM PLATT



Mr. Sherman, Mr. Bill Platt, and Mrs. Lori Brumm



Mrs. Platt will always be well-remembered here at LC. With the help of team captain, Mr. Tom Rainwater, Maintenance, staff members will continue her legacy with Team Platt in the Relay for Life, an all-night walk. This all started because Sandie Platt didn't want people to waste their money on flowers for her, but the staff still wanted to do something in loving memory and in respect for her. Staff members began to join and raise money for a Relay for Life team. For Team Platt anyone was welcomed to join all that was needed to join was to sign up online. In the up-coming years they welcome anyone to join and hope to get a majority of Lake Central to participate in the walk. The team has already raised \$28,500 and still counting. Team Platt is the number one team for the Tri-Town Relay for Life, and still counting.



ASHLEY HERNADEZ

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

DEDICATED TO FINDING A CURE

As many as three million Americans have type 1 diabetes and the numbers continue to rise each year. Ashley Hernandez (10) got involved with JDRF, or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation when she and her family found out her cousin, Brad, was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes back in 2000 at the age of four.

"He had to get used to the fact that he wouldn't be able to eat whatever he wanted when he wanted to eat it and had to get use to shots which is now a daily routine."

Brad has to watch his sugar level when running around with his friends, because it does get low sometimes.

"His condition is not bad, but it is something he has to live with for the rest of his life and watch what he does."

This will be Ashley's tenth year since signing up for the cause.

"I raise money and usually get there early to help set things up. It's cool to see all the people there supporting Brad and the other kids who have diabetes."

The walk is at Hidden Lake in Merrville; it starts at about 11 and ends around 4.

"At the events everyone just hangs out and after a while we all start walking, the walk is a total of 3 miles and is a day for family and friends to be together to raise money for JD," Hernandez said.

During this event there are around 200 people that show up to support and help raise money. Through this whole experience Ashley has witnessed how someone's whole life can change in a instant.

"We all try to raise as much money as we can for the walk. All of the money goes towards finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes. The more money raised means that they are that

"ALL OF THE MONEY GOES TOWARD FINDING A CURE FOR JUVENILE DIABETES. THE MORE MONEY RAISED MEANS THAT THEY ARE THAT MUCH CLOSER TO A CURE,"

much closer to a cure."

Ashley's family participates in the walk each year to help raise more money in hope of finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes.

"It is a good cause and the actual event is pretty fun and I feel that others should get involved."

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LIFE WITH DIABETES



Kelsey Doyle (10)



Grant McCormack (12)



Christina Rybicki (10)

Kelsey Doyle (10) was diagnosed in 2003 at the age of nine with diabetes. "It mainly changed the way I eat. I have to be on a diet plan and stay active. I also take 3-4 insulin shots a day and do about seven blood sugar tests," Doyle said.

"A lot of people have warped view of diabetes. It's easy to mandage with a insolater pump, but it has definety made me watch what i eat really carefully. I just have to make sure i take care of myself," McCormack (12) said.

"It's taught me to eat healthier, exercise more, and be aware of my surroundings and body," Rybicki (10) said.

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Austin Nydam (9) films and edits skating videos



When watching a skating video, whether it is on MTV or YouTube, the focus is always on the skaters and the tricks that they execute. But where would they be without the behind-the-scenes camera crew?

The brain power and creativity behind Sean Scruggs's (9) videos and photos can be attributed to Austin Nydam (9), who not only skates, but also captures the tricks and stunts performed by his friends. If it weren't for this videographer, promoting Sean's skating would be a challenging task. The purpose of filming and compiling tricks is to visually enhance the image that a skater is trying to attain. Going back and replaying film is a helpful tool in improving tricks.

"When I was in the eighth grade, my friends and I decided that we wanted to be able to see the tricks we landed, so I started filming," Nydam said.

For Nydam, it takes an average of two hours to synthesize material in order to produce a video. So far, this freshman has made around 30 videos with his own equipment and software.

SEAN SCRUGGS

Get on board with him

S.K.A.T.E.

The hot afternoon sun beats down on the smooth black pavement of the Dyer skate park, toasting the skin of determined skater Sean Scruggs (9), who spends every spare moment trying to improve his skills. With sweat dripping from his pores and blood pumping through his veins, this dedicated individual experiences the ultimate adrenaline rush, despite having to endure a difficult environment.

Rude remarks from passers-by can be heard on a daily basis. Harassment and overall public disapproval are realities that Sean and his friends Kyle Stancy (10), Austin Nydam (9) and Robert Covarrubias (11) are forced to deal with.

"They assume we're all trouble makers. People just drive by and yell at us out their windows," Sean said.

It seems as though people aren't willing to readily accept the approved location for the boarders. The negative stereotype skateboarders get has a tenacious grip on the community's perspective of the skate park. Sean proves this unfair labeling otherwise by practicing a drug-free lifestyle.

"We are the most straight-edged kids you'll ever know," Rob said.

For Sean and his friends, skating is a way of life. Before the park was constructed, Sean skated wherever his board allowed him to go, even if there were consequences that followed. Now that they have been given a proper place, the boys are out of trouble.

"It keeps us out of public property and parking lots because we finally have a decent place to skate," Austin said.

So how did Sean Scruggs come to enter into this chaotic lifestyle of skateboarding? Sean revealed that his brother was his motivation.

"When I was in middle school, my older brother encouraged me to try it. I liked it and decided to stick with it," Sean said.

Since then, Sean hasn't been able to put his board down.

One aspect of Sean's overall skateboard appearance is his unique additions to every board he uses. Not only is Sean a talented skater, but he also possesses a natural artistic ability.

"SKATING DEFINES WHO I AM AS A PERSON. IT'S A WAY FOR ME TO EXPRESS MYSELF. IT'S WHO I AM."

Sean uses his board as a canvas to paint different cartoon characters ranging from Papa Smurf to Clifford. The pictures' purpose aren't simply for decoration; they function as a tool to help determine which side of the board is which.

"I purposely buy blank boards off of eBay so I can paint my artwork on the grip tape," Sean said.

Sean models his techniques and skills off of other skaters at the park. He uses their abilities as a foundation for learning and performing new tricks. Brendan Venturelli (11) has been Sean's biggest inspiration.

"Brendan has motivated me the most. Watching him has helped me grow as a skater," Sean said.

Being older and more experienced, Brendan teaches Sean difficult tricks while still having fun.

"Sean's like my little brother. We started skating together in middle school. Since then, we've been helping each other out," Brendan said.

Sean and Brendan make a game out of trying new tricks. They encourage each other to push their boundaries and step outside of their individual comfort zone.

"Every day we play S.K.A.T.E.. It's kind of like the basketball game H.O.R.S.E. but with a skateboard. It keeps things interesting and helps me improve," Sean said.

In a way, skating is like a sport. It demands continual practice and conditioning while requiring the athletic ability necessary to flawlessly execute every bodily motion.

"It's not easy. I have to work just as hard as any athlete in any sport," Sean said.

Although there are many similarities between skating and sports, skateboarders, unlike athletes, must take on the responsibility of both coach and player. Injuries occur frequently, some of which might require medical attention. However, most of the time the skaters simply walk away with cuts, scrapes and bruises.

"If you fall down, you just get back up and laugh it off," Kyle said.

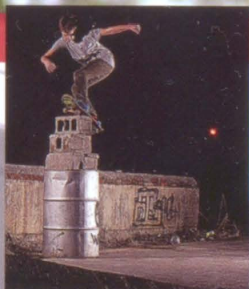
Currently, Sean is working with his friends on a skating video. They practice during the week and film on the weekends. His future dream is to have a ramp built on his property when he is older. Sean plans on skating during and after college.

"Skating defines who I am as a person. It's a way for me to express myself. It's who I am."

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Robert Covarrubias (11)



Brendan Venturelli (11)



Kyle Stancy (10)

MAD SKILLS

Brendan Venturelli (11), Robert Covarrubias (11) and Kyle Stancy (10) are just three of the many talented skaters at LC. They have built up quite a reputation around the skate park, a place that can reasonably be called their second home. These three individuals began skating in middle school and have worked their way up to a respectable ability level. They spend almost every day at the park working on their skills and filming footage for videos. No matter where life takes them, they plan on skating in the future.

JAMES WANDA

A dream to millions is his life long reality



NOT JUST A GAME



Stephanie Haddad (11)



Corey Copp (12)



Nicole Brann (11)

"I've been a Sox fan my whole life. Everyone in my family is, except for my dad, and he's a Yankees fan. I've only been to about five Sox games, but I watch them all on TV," Haddad said.

"My grandpa and my dad are Sox fans, so it runs in my blood. I like going to Sox games in the summer. I like the atmosphere - it's a nice atmosphere, and the weather's nice," Copp said.

"I have been to 11 Cubs games in six different cities. Wrigley is my favorite stadium though, because I like the Chicago atmosphere. Everyone in my family is a Cubs fan; I grew up with it. I am very anti-Sox because of my family," Brann said.



HOMEBOUND AT HOMEPLATE

Screaming fans, blazing sun, the smack of the connection between the bat and the ball. These sights and sounds envelop U.S. Cellular Field, a much-frequented place by James Wanda (12).

James' father, Dave Wanda, is the manager of quality control, or "second in charge," of the Chicago White Sox stadium. Dave has worked for the Sox for 27 years, and James is often involved with Dave's work.

"Sometimes I'll go with him on Sundays to the stadium and help him supervise and make sure everyone's doing their job. I go with him about once every two weeks," James said. "It's a major league ballpark – I just really like the atmosphere of being there."

Besides getting the opportunity to help out with his father's job, James gets to enjoy some of the perks of the occupation as well.

"I can pretty much go to a Sox game whenever I want. My dad will just ask for tickets, and they get the best seats that are available for us. We only have to pay \$10 for tickets. I end up going to about 20 games per year," James said.

James has been able to enjoy some unique experiences because of his father's position.

"In 2005, the year that the Sox won the World Series, I went to every post-season playoff game. It was unbelievable. It

"I'VE BEEN PLAYING BASEBALL SINCE I WAS FOUR YEARS OLD. MY DAD INSPIRED ME TO START. WE WOULD PLAY ALL THE TIME, AND IT JUST BECAME A HABIT FOR ME."

was the best atmosphere ever," James said.

James has been a life-long Sox fan, and he has a special respect for certain players.

"My favorite current Sox player is Gordon Beckham. He plays second base, and I just really like the way he plays," James said. "My favorite past Sox player is Juan Uribe. He's really unorthodox; he's not the best player, but I just like how unorthodox he is, and he's funny."

James doesn't just admire other baseball players from the stands; he gets out on the field himself.

"I've been playing baseball since I was four years old. My dad inspired me to start. We would play all the time, and it just became a habit for me," James said.

James didn't just play baseball recreationally with his father; Dave was also his official coach.

"My dad was my baseball coach until my freshman year. I liked having him as a coach, and I didn't," James said. "I didn't like it because he would work me harder than the other players. He expected more of me, and he gave me more of a rough time."

James has been on the baseball team for all four years of his high school career.

"I like being on the team at LC. We're more of a family this year; we play for each other instead of just for ourselves," James said.

America's pastime is also James' number one choice.

"Since I've been playing baseball my whole life, I have a better understanding of how the sport is played. I grew up with it. Instead of watching football or another sport, I was always watching baseball and always playing it," James said.

For James, baseball is more than just a sport to enjoy. It has had a significant impact on his family and hobbies.

"Baseball is a second life for me. It's like a home away from home," James said.

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ZACH RYBA

Typical teen by day, stockbroker by night



STOCKING UP ON EXPERIENCE

While you were learning to ride your bike, Zachary Ryba (11) was learning how to invest in the stock market. When he was eight years old, his grandpa introduced him to stocks. And ever since, Zach has been an avid stock market enthusiast.

"When I was younger, I was usually babysat by my grandparents. I saw my grandfather work on his portfolio every day. He talked to me about stocks, I took immediate interest in it, and ever since then I've really liked what it was about," Zach said.

His grandpa owned a company through the Chicago Board of Trade, so he used his connections to help Zach.

"He's in Class Z. When you're in Class Z you get top priority, so he has first dibs on all the investments. He helps me to get access to high priority stocks," Zach explained.

When he makes money selling stocks, Zach can choose to either send the money to his online account, or he can have a check mailed directly to him. He spends a few days a week working on his investments.

"You're supposed to work on it every day, but I look at it every other day or every three days. And you can automatically set it to sell when you're not at the computer."

Sounds like a lot of work, right? Zach feels like

he has the easiest job in the world.

"I don't do a thing," he said. "I wake up, eat some breakfast, get on the internet to check my stocks, and I'm just like 'Wow, that was my day of work.'"

Even though Zach believes that his job isn't too hard, other high school students would probably disagree. When he explained all of the stock terms to us, we were absolutely baffled.

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"On a typical day, I probably spend about a half hour or 45 minutes working on my stocks. Every month I get something in the mail about them, but then I have quarterly checks too. There are four quarters in a year, and during the first quarter if you want to sell or stay with your mutual funds or stocks, you can do that. Every quarter you get a detailed analysis with graphs and all of the information you need."

Zach showed examples of his graphs, and he is also able to access his graphs online. For those who are interested in starting up stock investments, according to Zach, you shouldn't

have much trouble.

"In my opinion, it's simple. You just go to a trade website. I use etrade.com, and on that website you have to set up your own account and put in your credit card numbers so that they know who you are. If you get a weekly paycheck, you can make it so that a portion of that paycheck automatically goes to your account. The accounts are really secure."

Many people worry about investing because of the risk of losing their money, but they must know that whenever they invest in something, there is always a risk.

"I call it legalized betting, so to speak. Because you put all of your money in, and you could lose it all, but you could also gain a lot," Zach said. Despite the risk factors involved, Zach thinks that more people should invest.

"Everyone should do it. It's really easy. You can make more money in a year rather than having your money sit in the bank with hardly any increase a year due to a low interest rate. And also it's nice to know that your money is working for you and you're not working for your money."

Zach plans to continue working in the stock market for many years to come. All we have to say is, "Watch out Wall Street, Zach Ryba is coming!"

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MR. BUGASKI'S STATS FIELD TRIP

When Mr. Bugaski's Statistics class took a trip to the Chicago Federal Reserve, they got to see the stock market in action.



Thomas Zega (12), Zachary Mullaney (12),
Roger Camarena (12), Andres Arellano (12)

"Watching the stocks being traded seemed very **chaotic** but having someone explain them made it seem **almost** bearable," Thomas Zega (12) said.

"We took a picture with a case of **1 million dollars** in it and Mr. Bugaski made it a great field trip," Zachary Mullaney (12) said.

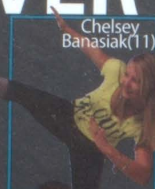
"It was probably the **greatest** field trip I've ever been on," Andres Arellano (12) said.

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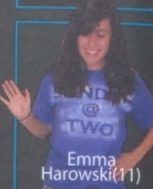
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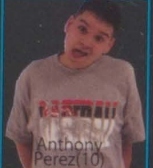
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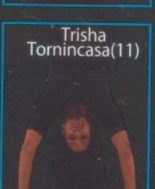
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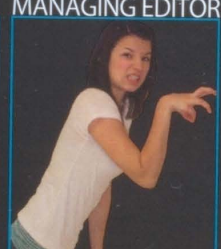
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FROM THE EDITORS-IN-CHIEF:

At the journalism banquet last year, our names were called out, and we gained new responsibility instantly. We soon signed up for journalism camp and headed out to IU and Ball State yelling "janky" on the road down to Bloomington and Muncie. All six editors were at IU along with Lauren, Lanie and Rebecca. We argued and were unable to come up with a theme, and ended up leaving IU closer, but still unprepared.

Jessica, Emily, Lani, Jen, and Rachel went to Ball State for another Journalism camp. There, along with VP, they came up with Just a Number? The idea of incorporating overcrowding into our theme after the referendum did not pass seemed timely.

So, we started this school year thinking only of the numbers: Our 42 staffers, our then blank 352 page book, and the six people that make up our editorial board. What we found is that even though we have six broken computers in the Quiver room on any given day, an overcrowded school of 3,217 students, and 20 trailers tacked onto our school like gum under a desk, Quiver does nothing "by the numbers."

When the school year started, VP begged us to come together and work as an editorial team. We didn't quite listen, so she did what any adviser would do. She taped all

of our ankles together. She made us walk all the way down crazy E-hall during passing period where people laughed at us and tried to trip us. We yelled and called VP crazy, but that was the day we came up with the final concept for our cover.

The tape was just the beginning. A million crazy things are going on in the "S-Cave," as it has lovingly been called this year. On an average white day, our SRT sees about 80 students: interview-ees, staffers, editors, Scout-kids, and random stragglers that wander in from the hallways. A deadline day brings sometimes 100 kids into our small, and sometimes very hot (or very cold) SRT room. And every few SRT classes, someone randomly ends up in some kind of ridiculous costume, like Cesar in a lady bug costume with a life-size teddy bear strapped to him, or Arielle in a masking tape beard or mustache, and a Conan O'Brien face mask. However, I am sure everyone in Quiver would agree that two of our craziest days so far have been the epic-ninja battle against DVP's AP Bio students, or the surprise dance party complete with strobe lights and techno music we surprised VP with one SRT inspired by the dance parties that took place in Tone Def's room in Washington DC. And when I say surprise, I mean that in

true Quiver fashion, we got organized. We lured VP out of the room, pushed the desks aside, set up the strobe lights, covered the window to the library with black paper, and started dancing in just about a minute flat.

After that party got busted, J-Moore volunteered to host a Hollywood themed dance party in her basement. The Quiver nerds that we are, we went all out. There were *Glee* characters, two Audrey Hepburns, Andy Warhol, and *Jersey Shore* characters fist pumping. There really aren't days that someone in Quiver isn't laughing. Or in VP's case, laughing til she's crying, and then just crying because deadline week is never-ending, and we won't stop texting the Jimmy-John's delivery boy and sneaking into the boys bathroom.

So at the end of the year, the numbers are still there. We still have 22 computers, 7 don't work, and there are still 6 editors and 39 staffers, but now everything has changed. Quiver has become a large, font-loving, nerdy family. And that's what truly counts: Jessica Moore yelling "PROOOFS!" when she walked in, the fun we have, the dance parties we host, the donuts we eat, the way we play "Sweet Caroline" over and over again, the trips we take and the yearbook we're putting out.

Megan Trincot
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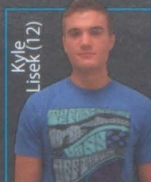


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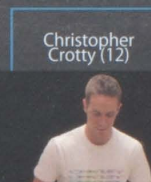


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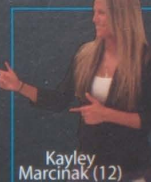
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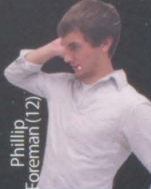
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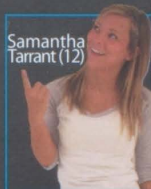
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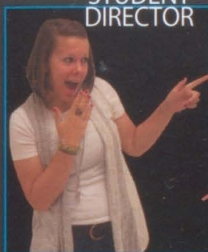
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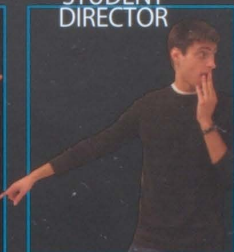
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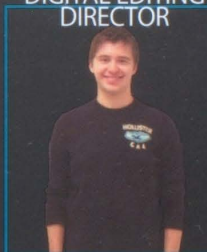
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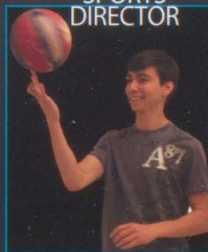
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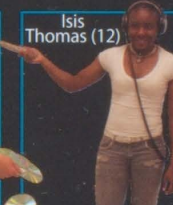
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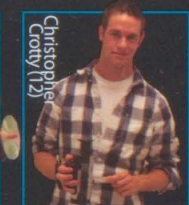
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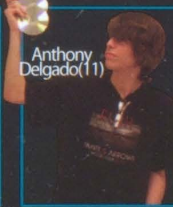
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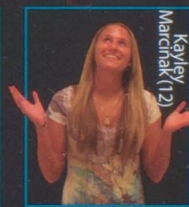
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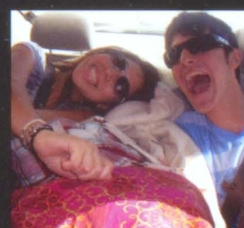
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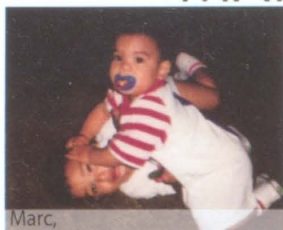
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MARC

escobedo



Marc,

We should've known from this picture you were going to be an awesome wrestler. We're so proud of your accomplishments and who you've become. You're a great son and older brother. May you achieve all your goals and dreams! We love you, Dad, Mom, & Mike

MICHAEL

robinson



We cannot believe my son is graduating and going to college. We are proud of you. We will miss the little boy that you once were. Set your goals high! Love, Dad & Family

ARIELE

morris



Arielle Morris was born October 2, 1991.

Arielle was a baby who had so much energy that we named her the Energizer Baby because she kept going and going!

She was very outgoing and full of playfulness. We always had to keep an eye on her because she was always in to something. One time while getting ready for church we lost track of her. When we found her, she was throwing baking flour in the air with her church dress covered in flour.

Arielle has always been a Daddy's girl. May God bless your future and those who you come in contact with.

Love,
Dad and Amanda

JESSICA

matus



Jessica, Since the day you came into my life, you have brightened each day with your beautiful smile. I am so proud of you and your confidence and determination. I know you will succeed at anything you set your mind to.

Whether it is your dance or grades, you always strive to be the best! Good luck in college; it will be the best four years of your life. Cherish every experience you can

Love you always,
Mom

KAITLYN

boecker



Kaitlyn,

I will never forget the first time that your big blue eyes looked into mine. It's so hard to believe that 17 years have already passed. The years have flown by and we have enjoyed every minute with you. You are so full of life and so much fun to be with. We love your beautiful smile, contagious laugh and your thoughtful spirit. You have grown into a caring, smart and beautiful young woman. You truly are a blessing to us and you are the best big sister ever!! You are very special and we are so proud of you.

We wish you all the best as you continue on your journey through life. May God Bless You Always, and may all of your dreams come true!

Thank you for every wonderful moment. We love you... higher than the sky!

All our love, Mom, Dad & Jordyn

P.S. I love you, Kate! Good Luck

Love, JoJo

CHELSEA

keith



Chelsea~ Congratulations on your graduation! Wow, it's hard to believe you will be going off to college already! It seems like yesterday Dad and I were sending you off to Mrs. Janett's 1st grade class at Kolling! It's been

fun to watch you grow from a little adorable girl singing in Theatre and church. Thank you for all your hard work in school, and for your compassion for helping people. It has been our pleasure being your parents! Keep the Lord first in your life! We love you and are very proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad

COURTNEY

o'malley



Congratulations! We are so very proud of you. You worked so hard to get to this point. You are a wonderful young lady and we know

you will continue to succeed in everything that you do. You make us so proud. We love you Courtney!

Love, Mom, Dad & siblings

THEODORA

bairaktaris



Theodora, Since you were a little girl you always knew exactly what you wanted. your hard work has paid off. Congratulations! You are off to college.

Take that confidence with you, and we know that this is only the beginning for you.

With love, your family

MILANA katic



Milana,

From the very beginning, you have never ceased to both delight and amaze us. You entered Watson a little girl and now you leave Lake Central a young woman, full of promise and accomplishment. We admire your sense of purpose, your enthusiasm and the strength of your convictions. Your passion for life, your sense of humor and your goodness are your greatest attributes. Use them to live life to its fullest and to become the woman you have always aspired to be. Never be afraid to dream. May your dreams lead you to happiness and success and may God keep you safe on that journey.

Nemoj nikada zaboraviti da si zaista divna, Dušo, - unutra I spolje. Živela i mnogaja ljeta! Volimo te, Mama and Tata

KRISTINA delorta



Kristina, 18 years have flown by and you are now a beautiful, caring and intelligent woman. Always follow your dreams. With your determination you can accomplish anything. Ever since the day you were born, you have brought love and happiness into our lives. We wish you nothing but the best. Love, Mom & Dad

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BROOKE corley



Congratulations! You are a remarkable young woman with a bright future! Remember to enjoy the journey and don't lose sight of your dreams. Our love forever

sight of your dreams. Our love forever

TAYLOR snow



Congratulations Taylor! You are smart, witty, talented. You have a smile that can brighten anyone's day. You have a great group of friends that we hope you will keep even after you graduate. you have a family that loves and supports you the best they can. You have a good head on your shoulders, morals, and values. We are so proud of you!

We wish you the best with much success!! Love Mom and Dad

KRISTEN wicklund



Congratulations! Dearest Kristen, You have completed one major milestone in your life. We are so proud of your commitment to succeed, you have taken on challenges many people have never experienced. Continue to keep God first and foremost in your life and you will never fail. You have become a beautiful person both inside and out. Every day is a gift so unwrap each one with an open mind, a loving heart and a hopeful expectation of something wonderful. May your life be filled with love, health, and happiness. Love you always,

Mom, Dad, and Vinnie XXXXXX

BROOKE polus



Brookie, you bring joy with your kindness and contagious laugh. Care for others, but remember how important you are! You have many special gifts: loyal friend, caring sister, sweet daughter, competitive, emotional, witty, sensitive - wouldn't change anything. Be confident and follow your goals. We love you. Mom, Dad, Nicole, Kara.

RYAN bartock



Ryan- We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! The best of luck to you at Valpo. Work hard and keep believing in yourself. Love, Mom, Dad, and Brittany

MADISEN redar



Madisen, You are passionate about life and you retain your own individuality, clinging to your own truths and work hard for everything you have desired... you certainly are a fashionista and one of our greatest rewards. We believe that children are like kites and a parent's job is to slowly unwind the string as they begin to soar. One day you realize that the string is let out and they are flying free. So it is with you, as it appears our work is almost done and we are hanging on to the very end of the string. Someone wise once said, "If you want to lead the orchestra, you have to turn your back to the crowd." So world, we give you a leader, our daughter, Madisen Elizabeth Redar. Congratulations!

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JOSEPH rybicki



Joseph we are so very proud of your many accomplishments. The time seems to be going way too fast. Congratulations and always follow your dreams, your heart and your passions. Enjoy the journey. The best is yet to come. We are always here for you.
Love
Mom, Dad, and Chrissy

LAURA budz



Dear Laura, Once upon a time a very special wish came true. I was blessed forever with the one and only you! you have grown up to be so beautiful inside and out. I am so proud of you.
Love, Mom
I am proud of you too.
Love, Elton

BRADLEY biegel



Bradley, We have watched you grow from our little monkey into this awesome young man. We are so proud of your accomplishments and know in our hearts you will be successful in your future endeavors. Please remember that the kind of person you are is not determined by money, status, power, or material things. It is the love and respect that you earn from others that will make you complete. Always be true to yourself. Thank you for always filling our eyes with smiles and hearts with joy. We love you and wish you the best!
Mom, Dad and Nicholas

KURT kudrecki



Kurt, We are very proud of the young man you've become. We wish you luck at Indiana State. The next four years will bring challenges because of baseball and classes, but we know you will succeed. We love you.
Dad, Mom and Morgan

COURTNEY croft



It's been fun watching you grow up. You keep us laughing. We are very proud of you and the person you've become. We know you have a bright future ahead of you. Keep up the good work, have fun and enjoy your life.
Love you,
Mom and Dad

ELISE boyd



Elise, "People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within."
~ Elisabeth Kübler-Ross
That is you, Elise, a true beauty: both inside and outside. We love you,
Dad, Mom and Peter

NICOLE kuehner



Nicole, It is hard to believe we are celebrating your high school graduation. You have been a wonderful gift to us and we are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. You are a beautiful, sweet, caring and compassionate person. As you continue your journey through life, be true to yourself, be kind to others and continue to follow your heart and your dreams. Life is full of challenges, but remember... nothing you do is ever a failure, only a lesson learned. We will always be right here to support you and love you forever.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jack

EMILY haddad



Emily, Congratulations! We are so proud of the young woman you have become. May you reach all your dreams and goals.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Jennifer, Stephanie, Anthony, Caroline and Kimberly

ASHLEY goad



To our little girl...my how you have grown, so quickly and so beautifully into a wonderful young lady. We are very proud of you.
Congratulations!

EMILY demario



Emily, We're so proud! You've grown into a beautiful, talented young woman. You have an inner strength that will carry you through life, and know, we will always be there to support you. Follow your dreams beautiful daughter, only the sky is your limit!
Love, Mom and Dad

STEPHANIE mikolajczyk



We are very proud of our little "boo-boo" from the time we first saw her until this very moment. We love her very much and she has exceeded our wildest dreams in her academic accomplishments. Keep up the good work.
Love,
Mom and Dad

BRITTANY massie



Scoobie, Bease, Mutti, Elouise, Anna-belle or Pajamas-it doesn't matter what we call you, your family loves you. You make every "bit" of

our lives extraordinary. There is no doubt that you will be a star in whatever you do in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Josh, Meghan, Jake

SARAH veronesi



Sarah, You are one of the strongest people we know. You have been through so much in your life and have always come out a better

person. Our lives are much happier with you in them. May you be happy in everything you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth, Katherine

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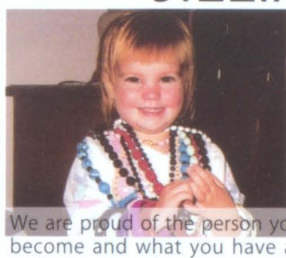


Dear Steven, Congratulations Zibby! What a wonderful time for you and it's only the beginning! Your determination will serve you

well. You know we are proud of you. We all are excited for you to attend Indiana University and continue the tradition. You decide where it takes you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Julie and Nick

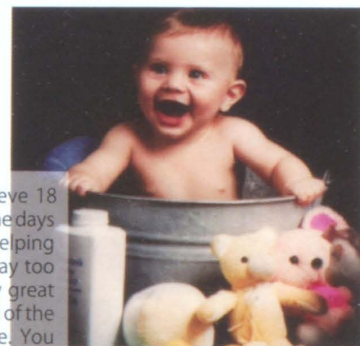
JILLIAN hansen



We are proud of the person you have become and what you have accomplished. We wish you the best of luck and happiness as you begin the next phase of your life. Remain focused, set your goals high and pursue your dreams.

Love mom, Dad and Josh

LUKE miller

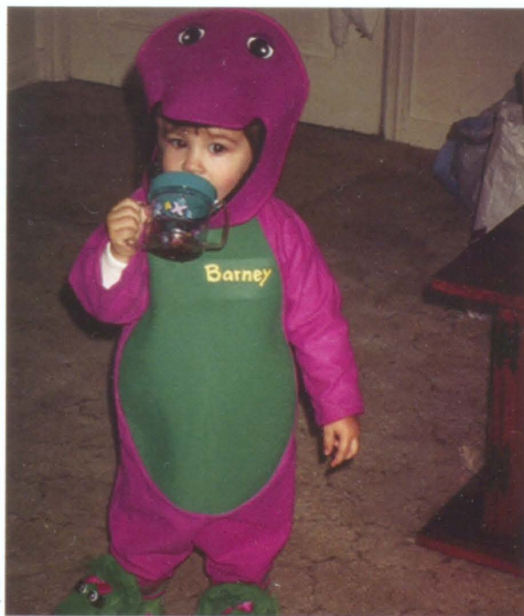
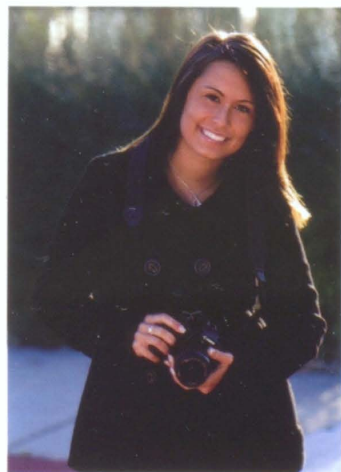


Congratulations Luke! We can't believe 18 years have gone by already. Gone are the days of little league games, car pooling, or helping with homework. The time went by way too fast but we are blessed with so many great memories. We are so proud of you and of the amazing young man you have become. You

have always been a great kid who has a positive attitude and could put a smile on anyone's face. You are smart, kind, considerate, handsome and funny. We couldn't have asked for a better son and brother. Be true to yourself, continue to work hard, and you will accomplish great things. We can't wait to see what this next chapter in your life holds. May your future be filled with love, laughter, and success. Always remember that we love you and we'll be here to support you in whatever you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Abi

JESSICA moore



We are so proud of you and the woman you are becoming. We know that your accomplishments in high school will pale in comparison to the wonderful things that are ahead of you in life. You have proven that you truly can accomplish whatever you put your mind to and that no one can stand in the way of your dreams. Remember that whatever bumps you encounter along the path that you choose will only make the destination that much more fulfilling and special. We knew from the time that you were little that you had some very special gifts and now is your time to use those gifts. When you were a little girl, you never gave up and always pushed for what you wanted, sometimes driving us crazy in the process, but you learned to apply those qualities in a constructive way once you matured (usually). Wherever you decide to go in your life, remember to do it with a smile on your face and love in your heart, never settle for less than you want out of life, never rely on someone else to find happiness and always stay true to your heart. When you were small we would always say that you were going to go far in life and we are excited to know that time has come and we can watch as you begin to spread your wings. So congratulations and let your adventure begin!

Love Mom, Dad, Candice, Adam and Aiden

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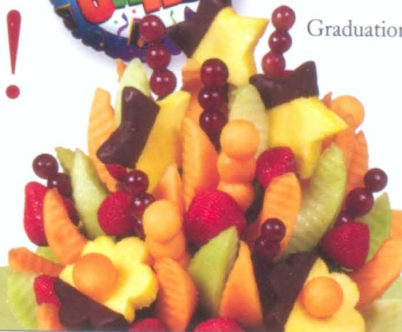
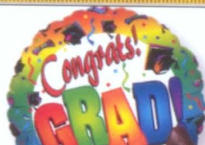
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DEMITRIA garibay



Whenever we sit and wonder if we have done a good job of raising you, all we have to do is look at the person you've become. We love you very much, and that is why graduation will be one of the best days of our lives, and also one of the toughest. We can't wait to see what the future will hold for you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Nicholas

NICHOLAS bodell



My how time flies. What a fine young man you have become. Congratulations on all you have accomplished during high school. We are very proud of you and wish you the very best in all you do. Love Mom & Dad.

KRISTIN mcdermott



Congratulations Kristin! We are very proud of you. You have grown into a great young lady. As you leave high school always remember to follow your dream. Good luck at college. Hopefully it will be Loyola! Love you! Mom, Dad, Danielle & family.

ADAM groat



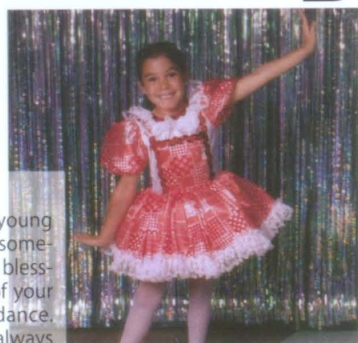
Congratulations on a job well done. I wish you the best in the future. Be strong, be good and always believe in yourself. I know you can do anything you set your mind to. Love always, Mom.

SAMANTHA tarrant



Sam, We can not begin to tell you how proud we are of you. You have accomplished so much at LC, and you have worked so hard. We hope the next part of your journey brings you closer to your dreams. Continue to keep your strong faith in God and to follow your heart. You will always be our little "Snooch." Please know that we will always be here for you.
Love you always and forever,
Mom and Dad

COURTNEY severin



Courtney, Our baby girl has become a beautiful young woman. You are talented, smart and sometimes stubborn. Overall you are a true blessing to us. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments in school and in dance. We know that after dance you would always come home tired and hungry, but you always put your school work first. Thank you for taking your work seriously. We wish you success in college. Remember we love you very much and keep us and God in your heart always.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jennifer

MARIANA rescue



Congrats, Sweetie! You did it and we are very proud of you. 2010 GRAD! We Love You!!
Dad and Mom

MOLLY rupp



To our sweet daughter - congratulations on your high school graduation! Always know how very proud we are of you. Have a wonderful time at Purdue - Boiler Up!
Love Mom and Dad.

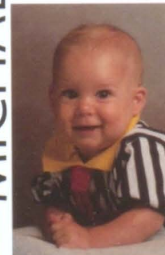
MALLORIE fazio



for you--Mom, Dad, Amanda, Jerry & Alexa.

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Remember to always follow your dreams, and never give up. Also know, your family is always there

MICHAEL nalezny



to get a job in a nice warm place for our vacations. Love, Mom, Dad and Vicki.

Michael, We are all so very proud of you and wish you nothing but continued success in everything you do. Just remember you can do it. And please try

STEPHANIE slevnik



Stephanie,
Follow your dreams; you have the magic to make them come true. There is nothing you can't achieve. We are extremely proud to call you our daughter! We'll always be your biggest fans. Anytime from anywhere, just look over your shoulder and we'll be there. Enjoy college both near and far. We're looking forward to watching you catch your star! You are that special someone that everyone loves! Live your life in full color, embracing your true self. You have been blessed with angels, surprises and pure laughter, with more to come. Keep the gleam in your eyes, head held high with that beautiful smile on your face. Admire yourself, let miracles find you, refuse to sit still for negative thinking, enjoy every radiant moment! Enjoy an adventurous moment reminding you the world is deep and rich in color with miracles awaiting you!
Love Forever & Always: Mom, Dad and Bobby

KATHERINE skura



Congratulations Katie! We are ever so proud of you, our beautiful daughter. Academics, sports, friendships, photography, scuba-diving-- my how you've grown up through high school! Keep your dreams, set your goals, work hard and continue sharing your infectious laugh! Love always, Mom, Dad and Matt

REBEKA kasper



We are so proud of you, Beka! Your beautiful spirit enchanted us from day one. Your drive and determination along with the twinkle in your eye made you our princess. We believe in you, and know you are destined for greatness. We love you!
Mom and Dad

BRIANNA davy



You are truly a beautiful and talented young lady with many amazing qualities. We are extremely proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Congratulations on your scholarship to Valparaiso University! Remember to stay true to yourself and follow your dreams. Wishing you a continued success and much happiness.
Love, Mom and Dad

MAX majchrzak



It's hard to believe you're graduating! We are proud of the person you have grown up to be. Always trust in yourself and the choices you make. We will always be there for you and whatever the future brings, work hard, follow your dreams, be happy and enjoy!
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Ross

ASHLEY kristevski



Ashley, Congratulations! We love you so much, and hope all your dreams come true. Your smile and laughter has brightened our life every day. You have the gift to make everyone around you happy. Believe in yourself always. Love, Mom, Dad, Adam and Adrienne.

BRIANNE flores



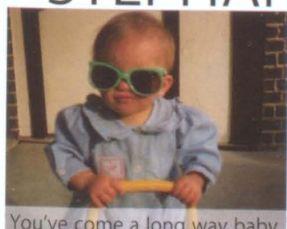
Bree,
Not long ago, we were watching you play dress-up, singing and dancing to a Spice Girls CD. We knew then that you were an unstoppable force! We love the person you have become. You are truly remarkable. So, go get 'em girl! May the force be with you. Love, Mom & Dad

DANIELLE durochik



WOW! It seems like it was just yesterday that you stepped onto the bus for your first day of school. Now you have graduated and are stepping into the next exciting chapter of your life. You have grown into such a beautiful, compassionate and determined young woman and we are so very proud of you. Your caring personality and free spirit will be the keys to your success in college and beyond. We love you and we will always be here to support you in achieving your dreams. Live every moment. Love every day!
All our love, Mom, Dad & Megan

STEPHANIE dolci



You've come a long way baby. We are so very proud of you. Keep working hard and life will have endless possibilities. Always keep your chin up high. Good luck as you begin in the next chapter in your life. We love you. Love, Mom and Dad. Look out here she comes!

ASHLEY carstensen



Ashley,
Our beautiful little girl has grown up and made her parents proud. It has been truly a blessing watching you grow into an intelligent, responsible, kind hearted woman. Your beautiful smile and positive attitude has brightened our hearts for so long. We love you so very much.

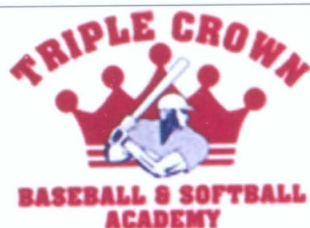
MICHALEEN jones



Michaleen we are so proud of you, and the time has gone by so quickly. You filled our lives with meaning and joy. You have had Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles that loved, cared and helped raise you to become the great person you are. Dad: I so enjoyed experiencing with you the things I enjoyed growing up. Some of which you didn't approve of, but camping, fishing, building forts, and the way you attract bears I'll always cherish. Mom: From the time we brought you home from the hospital, you were my pride and joy. I loved dressing you in cute clothes and doing your hair. I was so proud to be your mom and always will be. We love you so very much, Mom & Dad

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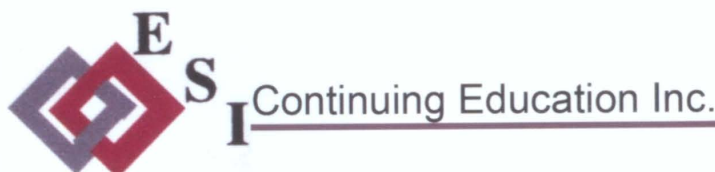


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ALYSSA

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Aly, we are so proud of you! you cast a spell on our hearts before you were even born, and have bewitched us with your beautiful soul ever since. You've always wanted to make a difference in the world. We know you will.

Mom and Dad

REBECCA

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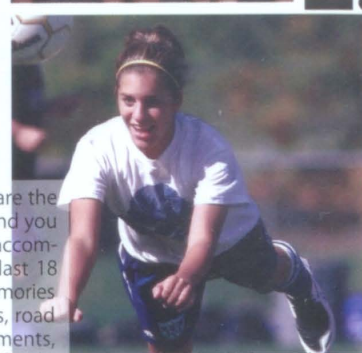
Becca, We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. You have accomplished so much already

and we know you will continue to do so as you pursue your dreams. You have been a blessing to all of our family. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Melissa and Joshua

ASHLEY

doreski



Ashley, we are so proud of you! You are the oldest of the Doreski's to graduate, and you have set the bar high with all of your accomplishments and accolades over the last 18 years. Thank you for all of the great memories with soccer: 3 times a week practices, road trips in all kinds of weather, tournaments, the Marriott hotels, nail-biting, close-finishing games, penalty kicks, and game winning goals! Good luck next year at IUPUI! We know you are going to be just as great there with soccer as you were at LCI Becoming a Jaguar was solely due to your hard work, determination, dedication, sacrifice, and love and passion for the game. Congratulations! You have the whole world ahead of you and the possibilities are endless. We believe in you, and we wish you nothing but the best! Love, Mom, Dad, Lauren, Anthony, & your biggest Mikayla. P.S. I know Dedo is looking down on his "princess" with great pride as you go off to college.

LESSIE

reeves



We are so proud of the sweet, kind and responsible young lady you have become. Life has presented you with many challenges and you have chosen the best path. You were a joy to us as a baby and still are today. Remember where ever life takes you, we will always be there for you.

NICOLE

cardinal



Nikki, Now you will see that what you have worked so hard for was worth it. You deserve this! You make me proud every day! Love,

Dad

Nikki, I'm so blessed to have a daughter like you. You have worked so hard. You make being Mom special. I am so very proud of you. Love, Mom

BRITTANY

johnson



Brittany,

Friday the 13th is supposed to be unlucky. That superstition changed when it became your day.

The years of watching you grow from a young child to adult has been a whirl. You will always be our little baby girl. Your sister Kara has always loved and watched over you.

Singing is your passion and your voice is so beautiful. We will forever be your number one fan. Graduation brings a new chapter in your life. We love you much and wish you best of luck. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Kara

JAMES

waskiewicz

Jim,

Eighteen years have flown by. We have been so proud watching you grow into the intelligent, strong, and caring person you've become. We are amazed at your determined and positive attitude, and your enthusiasm toward learning. We'll miss your smiling face and sense of humor as you go off to college. Stay focused, as you are on your goals, and we know you'll succeed. We have enjoyed every moment being your parents. May all your dreams come true! Keep smiling.

We love you, Mom Dad, and Lindsay.



JOHN

pedersen



John,

The last 18 years have been a joy for your Dad and me. You are a fine young man and we couldn't be more proud. Continue to work hard; for your dreams are within your reach. We love you with all our hearts.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Sarah

DANIEL

peterston



Congratulations on a job well done! We could not be prouder of you and all the accomplishments you have achieved. You have grown into such a fine young man.

Always remember to trust in the Lord, believe in yourself, follow your dreams,

and you will achieve great things.

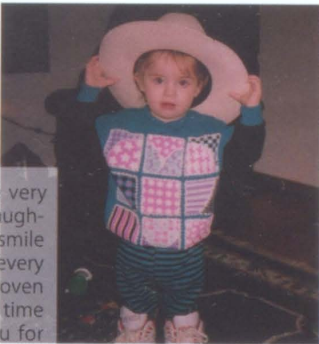
You are truly a blessing and a wonderful son and brother.

We love you very much!

Dad, Mom, and Nicole

STEPHANIE

mulholland



Congratulations Stephanie, we are very proud of you! You are a wonderful daughter and incredible big sister. Your smile brightens our days, and we treasure every day we spend with you. You have proven your strength of character time and time again, and we especially thank you for being there for your sister, Brittany. You have always taken the high road instead of taking the easy way out. Know that all your hard work is paying off, and your future is brighter than you can possibly imagine. BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE, and know we will always be there for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Brittany

CASEY

phillips



Enjoy life...
Love Mom, Dad, Lindsey and Luc

Casey,
We wish you all the happiness and success in your adventures. Follow your heart, work hard and all your dreams will come true.

KAITLYN

greenwood



the person you have grown to become. We love you so very much, and wish you the best of success in college and beyond.
Mom and Dad

Kaitlyn,
It was just yesterday that you were born, and now your graduating high school. We are so very proud of your accomplishments and

COREY

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With faith, hard work and determination, and success can be your reward. Enjoy the next chapter of your life!

Love Dad, Mom and Kristen

Corey,
We are so proud of you as you reach this milestone. We wish you the best in college and in all your future endeavors.

DAVID

cybilski



We have been so lucky to have you for a son and we couldn't be prouder! We know you will be successful at whatever you put your mind to, because, that's how you are! Our wish for you "May all your Dreams Come True!"
P.S. Save a small part for mom in your movies. Love Mom, Dad and Gina

MARRIANNA whaley



show the world what you can do! Momma is so proud of you and so are we. Passionately pursue your purpose to fulfill your destiny, establish a dynasty, and leave a legacy!

Love always, Daddy, Ceean, LaDawn, Patrick, Mark, Marriah, Raja, and all of your family and friends.

Marrianna,
When you were born, doctors said you would never walk or talk. In 4th grade, educators said you would never successfully complete high school or go to college. You proved them ALL wrong! Continue to strive for excellence and

SAMANTHA

howes



Love you,
Mom, Dad, Mickey & Mike

Samantha,
Congratulations Sam! We are so proud of you. You have grown into a lovely young woman. Always remember to believe in yourself and your dreams. May they all come true. Do what you love and love what you do. M. G. C.

BRIDGET

swope



do. Remember being strong doesn't mean you never cry. And if your determination is used for success and doing good work, then you will be someone to always be admired.

Our sweetest Bridget,
Shoot for the stars. If anyone can make it, you can. Never stop loving everyone and everything the way you

EMILY hogg



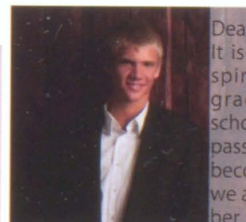
With your strength, talent and determination, you will achieve whatever you want. Remember to follow your heart and believe in yourself - we do!

Love-
Mom, Dad, and Max

Congratulations Punky! It doesn't seem possible that graduation is here. It has been a joy and a privilege to watch you grow into the beautiful young woman you are today. We are proud of you for what you have accomplished and what you have overcome.

DANE

malm



what God has given you and to work hard. If you believe in yourself, you will succeed in whatever career you choose. We love you.
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Dear Dane,
It is bittersweet that our spirited boy is already graduating from high school. You were a compassionate child and have become a young man that we are proud of. Remember to take advantage of

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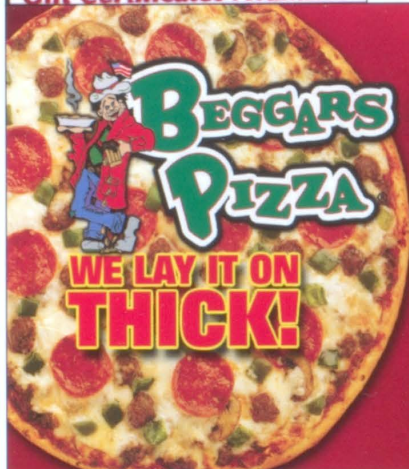
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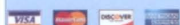
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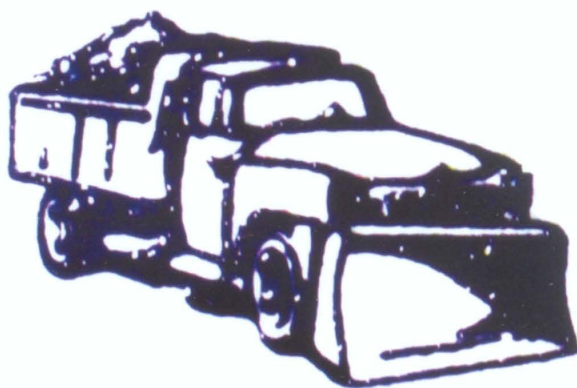
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Love,
Mom, Tati, Marisa, & Nick

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You are an amazing person who will achieve great things. You have already learned that with commitment and extra effort you can overcome obstacles. Your entire family looks up to YOU with respect and admiration. We are so proud of you! All our love, Mom, Dad, and "The Fam"

ERIK bisson



Congratulations Erik! We are so proud of you. What a wonderful son you are. We love you so much and hope that you live your dreams.

Love, Mom, Papa, and Nicole

LISSA landini



Missa Lissa, What a truly amazing person you are! We are so proud of you and the choices you have made. You have brought so much joy and laughter into our lives. Continue to dream and work hard and we know you will accomplish the unimaginable. Love Forever, Mom Dad, & Michael

KRISTINA hemmerling



Favorite Family Things: Mega sleepovers, Pro- Life Rally, zoo, shopping, ski trips, mini-golfing, bowling, trips to Montana, Texas, and Iowa, Great America, Chicago, Radisson, soccer, track, Charlotte, TFC, bookstores, fall walks, cookie day, making gnocchi, Papa Damiani's, and hours talking in the car!!! The memories overwhelm us like a floodgate.

Kristina, you are a precious gift from God. You are an awesome role model to your siblings. Everyone who meets you tells us how wonderful you are. At the same time you keep a level head and humble heart. Not only have you met any expectations we may have had, but you exceeded them by leaps and bounds. By the grace of God, keep up the great work. Remember- the ultimate goal is Heaven! With so much love, Mom and Dad ;)

BARBARA racich



Barbara, Since you were born, you have been such a beautiful addition to our family. Now that you are growing up, I can see that you are a beautiful addition to the world and I am proud of you. Within you I can see an ideal and a promise of achievement still to come. You have abilities, talents, and attributes, that will take you where you want to go. As you depart to college, carry the sun inside you and reach out for the dreams which guide your heart. I love you!! Mom

MEGAN hammer



As you make a new beginning in your life, Megan, be aware of important things you didn't learn in school: As you pursue your dreams, remember to take time to help out others even if doing so slows you down a little. Realizing that you are always where God wants you to be. As you explore your talents, remain humble and hopeful. As life hands you challenges, think of them as doors you need to go through to become who you are. Know that the most important thing in life is to believe in yourself!!! WE LOVE YOU!!!

Your Family

JOSE perez



It feels like just yesterday that you were memorizing prehistoric dinosaur names and practicing power ranger moves. Today we are celebrating the amazing young man that you've become. We want you to know that we pushed you because we believe that you are incredibly gifted and God has a plan for you. All we ask is that you follow your dreams, be happy and keep God first. We will miss you and love you tremendously all the way to the sky! Tu Familia. Jose, I also want you to know that having the courage to continue when life brings you challenges is what makes me proud to call you my son! Dad

JACOB gibbins JENNIFER gamboa



Jake,
Congratulations on your academic achievements. May your life be filled with happiness, success, and love. Work hard and strive to do your best. You've made us proud and we love you. Love Mom + Dad



To our beautiful daughter, we are so proud of you and all the hard work you have done with school. When you were born, you stole our hearts. Both your father and I feel bittersweet about the next chapter in your life. However, we wish you the very best in life and with all your goals. We love you very much, Michael, Mom, & Dad.

MARK

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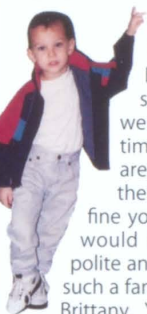


Congratulations Zach on achieving excellence. How do you put what you have meant to your whole family in 100 words? Since the day you were born you have brought happiness to your mom, dad, and two sisters. You have always had a sense of humor, kindness,

great leader, and the drive to achieve greatness. So, so proud of you and can't believe how fast these eighteen years have flown by. We know as you go on to college this will be your greatest achievement. Zach you can be whatever you want to be, so dream high. We have your back. Love you so much, Mom, Dad, Erin, and Carly

ZACHARY

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Zachary, Congratulations! We are so happy for you. We cannot believe how you've grown. It seems like just yesterday you were our "sweet little boy." But, time has passed quickly, and you are just as sweet now as you were then. You have grown into such a fine young man. Your grandparents would be so proud of you. Always polite and putting others first. You are such a fantastic big brother to Tyler and Brittany. You have such a big heart and we love you so much for who you've become. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

JAMES

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Dear James, "Life is Short but Sweet for Certain" These 18 years have gone so quickly. We cannot believe you are already graduating from high school. You have brought us so much joy and happiness. We are so proud to call you our son. You are a very special son, brother, and friend. Your future is so bright. We know you will accomplish everything you want in life. You are truly a Blessing to Us. Congratulations and We Love You Very Much. Love, Dad, Mom, Nathan, and Alexa.

Alyce Gargas, Wow! How these years have flown by! You have brought joy and laughter to our lives and we have enjoyed watching you grow and are proud of the person you have become. Alyce, you have a caring nature, are compassionate, and have the determination, character, and values to achieve your dreams. Follow your heart and continue to strive for what you want in life. Good luck on your chosen path and remember that we will always be there to support you in whatever you do.

Love you always!
Dad, Mom, Lindsey, Sarah, Brianne and Beaubie



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We love you and are so proud of you!
God Bless you!
Happy Graduation!
Much love,
Mom, Dad, Drew, Krista, and Kollin

ADRIEL

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Adriel, as you begin your New Journey on this path of life... know that we love you more than our words can express. Always know that your "Sweet Voice" celebrates your gift of music! You are the best daughter and the love you share with our Family is so very special!
Love, Mom, Dad, Joshua, and Sophia

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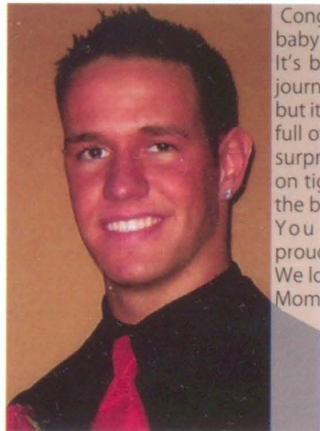
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Tyler, Congratulations! I can't believe this time has come, a new chapter in your life. You have always been a very strong, independent child. You have grown into such a loving, caring young man. Words can't explain how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. And always remember you can do whatever you want in life. Reach for the stars!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Laura, Maggie & Sean

CHRISTOPHER

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Congratulations baby Chris, It's been a long journey at times, but it's also been full of wonderful surprises. Hang on tight...it's just the beginning. You make us proud every day. We love you, Mom & Dad

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Love always,
Dad & Mom



AMANDA foy

ERICA youthment



the world. We wish you the very best in the next chapter of your life at Butler University. There are no limits for you.
Love you,
Mom & Dad

Erica,
We are so proud of the person you've become and all you have accomplished at LC. You have many special talents to share with

KEVIN bridegroom



Kevin,
Wow! It seems like yesterday that you were in Kindergarten. We love you, and we are so very proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Glenn

NICHOLE szczerbowski



Achieving academic excellence while devoting many hours to family, sports, work and social activities is something we're very proud of. We're truly blessed to have you in our lives, witnessing your transformation from our little "pumpkin" to a loving and mature young woman. Stay true to yourself and walk with faith in God as you experience all that life has to offer. Love forever, Dad, Mom & Joe

Nichole R. Szczerbowski,
It's hard to believe that in the last eighteen years you have gone from learning to crawl to racing towards your dreams with sheer determination. As you embark on the next journey in your life, realize that what you've accomplished is remarkable.

KELSEY flanagan



those difficulties came character and integrity. You have become the person God intended you to be. You have everything you need to be successful in life, and I know you will accomplish everything you set out to do. Keep trusting God. He will guide you every step of the way. I am very proud of you! I love you!

Congratulations my beautiful daughter, Kelsey! Where has the time gone? It seems like it was just yesterday you were born, and now you've grown up into a beautiful, talented, confident young woman. You've faced many difficulties in life, but with

LEIGHA sweitzer



planning your graduation party. It has been an amazing adventure watching you grow into such a beautiful young lady. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you. We love you more than anything baby girl. Good luck in all that you do.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Leigha Marie,
You are the most wonderful daughter any parent could have asked for. So full of life, fun loving and caring. The past 18 years have flown by so fast. You're first day of Kindergarten, Girl Scouts, softball...now it's shopping for Formal or Prom and

QUINLAN phalen



intelligence to accomplish much in life in a way that will continue to make us proud. We look forward to watching you continue your success at Purdue next year. We will certainly miss having you around the house with your terrific sense of humor. We love you and know you'll do great in life.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kramer, Keller & Kennedy

Congratulations Quinn! It's hard to believe that 18 years have come and gone already. We are extremely proud of the terrific young man you have become! As it is time for us to let you go, your life is just beginning. You have the character, integrity, morals and intel-

KALEY marcinak



you do. Conviction to do the right thing. A true team player with a humbleness that is unmeasureable. Your drive, determination and integrity on the field and off, speak volumes! Follow your heart. Believe in yourself for your journey in life is just beginning...
Love you more, love you 4ever,
Mom, Dad, Roco & Bree

Thank you Kaley for making your family so proud! There is so much about you that has exceeded our expectations. You have grown into a beautiful and remarkable young woman. You, K.J., have touched all our hearts, Bree and Roco included. You show passion with everything

DEVIN moore



Time has passed by so quickly. It is hard to believe you will be leaving for college soon. Continue to work hard and dream. You are a remarkable daughter!
Our love always,
Mom and Dad

Devin,

MITCHELL peters



Dear Mitchell, We are so very proud of you. Always believe in yourself like we do. God's blessings in all you do. Love,

Mom, Dad, Mike & Meghan

BRANDON hanchar



Hey Boo, We've enjoyed watching you grow into a wonderful young man (most of the time). Continue to let your BIG heart shine and you

will have an amazing life. We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Mom & Dad

MADISON carroll



Madison, Wow! What a lovely lady you have become. We are so very blessed to be your parents. The years have gone by so quickly, and now you are going out into the world. Thank you for all you are. Your sense of humor and comedic commentary are fabulous entertainment as well as a much needed and appreciated levity in this world. You have been an absolute delight. Thank you for being the oldest, and being such a patient and understanding child. Thank you for teaching us to be better parents. We couldn't have done it without you!! Thank you for sharing your world and friends (you choose the best people). We love you with all our hearts and wish you the very best life has to offer.

Love, Mom and Dad

GEORGE sobek



Jake, Congratulations, we are so proud of you! Always follow your dreams. Believe in yourself and trust in God and know

that we will always be there for you. We send you off to college knowing that you are prepared for the next chapter in your life.

We love you!

Mom, Dad & Stacy

GARRETT rietveld



Congratulations Garrett!

We're so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Follow your dreams. The best is yet to come!

Love,

Mom & Dad

SAMARA candreva



Samara, Regarding the last 18 years, we feel nothing but pride and joy for you! Thank you for all our experiences; becoming new parents, watching you grow from such a tiny start, being a kind big sister, always on honor roll, turning stress-

ful situations peaceful, being the young lady you are. For all this and more we love you very much! "There is no happiness except in the realization that you have accomplished your goals!"

Love you! Mom & Dad

I love you "he who should not be named." Love, Al Sam, thanks for being a great big sister! Love, Ris

ZENON mills



Dear Zenon, can't believe you are graduating. It seems like yesterday you were just a little boy. You are now a young man who makes

us very proud!! Keep up the good work, stay focused and remember to study at college!

Love you,

Mom and Butch

VINCENT ratulowski



Wow, "Congrats," Good luck! Best wishes! It is hard to believe the time has gone by.

We love, Mom and Dad

MERIDITH gjeldum



Meridith, Your dad and I are so very proud of you! What an exciting and challenging road you've plowed. Your character has been molded and we are thrilled to see what God has in store for you over the next 4 years. You can count on your Dad

and me to be your biggest cheerleaders along the way. Let honesty and integrity lead you even when it would seem contrary to progress. Let God in on your plans. You will do far more with him than on your own.

Love, Mom and Dad

JEFFERY trembacki



Jeff, We can hardly believe that our little blonde spitfire is graduating high school and going off to become a Purdue Boiler-maker. Congratulations! You have worked hard academically, as well as physically, to achieve the high goals you set for yourself. We are extremely

proud to have watched you grow into a committed and dedicated young man through your sport. You taught all of us what hard work and endurance can achieve. Just continue these traits and you will have no trouble being successful. We love you and hope you are very happy at Purdue.

Love, Mom, Dad, Brad, and Randy



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You have given us so much joy in every step of your life! You are such a beautiful young woman on the inside and outside! We have no doubt that your journey will continue to amaze us! May God Bless You And Keep You Safe Always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kaitlyn, and Kelsey

LAURA herman

Dear Laura,

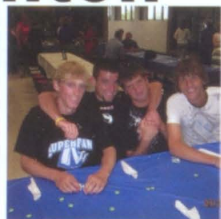
You were a very happy little girl. You have grown to be a very happy young woman. Don't ever change who you are. We are very proud of you. Love, Dad & Mom

MAUREEN forsythe

Maureen, you light up a room when you enter. We love your laughter and sense of humor. We love being the beneficiary of your baking binges. You

can do anything you want when you put your mind to it. We are PROUD of our favorite daughter.

XO Mom & Dad

ADAM**wroughton**

It's been a joy to watch you become the man you are. We love you more each day and are so proud of you and all you've accomplished. God has truly blessed you with talent in many areas. We enjoy hear-

ing you play the piano and the music you've composed. Tennis has been thrilling to watch and we're so glad we can continue to watch you play. God has also blessed you with great friends. The upstairs will soon be eerily quiet as the sound of your laugh that brings such joy to our hearts will be missed. We love you, Mom and Dad

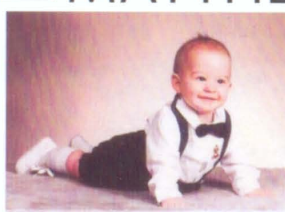
Kali Shaye Pittman,
You are our gift from God. You have grown to be an outstanding, caring, soft hearted, beautiful young lady. Congratulations to "our little girl" on your many years of school from preschool through high school and beyond. Always believe in yourself hold true and strong. The sky is the limit. Thank you for being responsible and making us proud. We wish you the very best. "You are my sunshine."

We love you,
Mom and Dad

**KALI pittman****KASEY****wade**

CONGRATULATIONS! "12 years." You knew how important grades were. You took education seriously. You worked hard. I love that you

never procrastinate! You always amaze me Kasey Lea. Thank you for sharing your heart. Continue to succeed. Take God with you always. FOREVER proud of you, Mom, Bryan, Jay, Jess, George, Katie

MATTHEW**bjorklund**

Matt,

We are very proud of you. You are an amazing young man. What the future has in store will be exciting. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jennifer

MICHELLE**phillips**

Michelle, The years have gone by so fast and we can't believe you're already graduating. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. We know you will excel in life and succeed in whatever path you choose. You are our pride and joy Shelly! We love you so much. Congratulations and best wishes. All our love, Mom and Dad

ALYSSA**boyle**

Congratulations Alyssa! It only seems like yesterday when you were our sweet little "Issy." Now you've grown into a beautiful young

woman who we are so very proud of! Always believe in yourself. We know that you will succeed in everything that you do! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Bridget and Ryan

KARA**massey**

Kara you have had an amazing journey in such a short period of time. You have made your family proud and excited to be part of your life. We all wish you great hope and happiness with your continued journey into life's exciting opportunities.

Love
Dad, Mom and Michelle

BRITNEY**tuskan**

Dear Britney,
We miss the adorable, little girl of yesterday, but we're in awe of the beautiful, young lady you've become. Talented beyond

measure: whether it's academics, basketball, singing, volleyball, track...you excel. We're so proud of you! May all your future dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad and Chris

BRADLEY**spicer**

Brad, You are a great son. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Watching you grow to be a fine young man has been

our greatest joy. You are our sunshine!

We love you!
Mom and Dad

KYLE lisek



Kyle, We are so proud of you! This is just the beginning. Remember to always Trust in God, believe in yourself and dare to dream! Love, Dad, Mom & Ryan

KELLEIGH romba



Kelbel, you are an amazing, beautiful young lady with a tremendous future ahead of you! Dream big, laugh often, and "I Hope You Dance!" Have fun at IU, (but not too much)! We are very proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Steve and Doug

MICHELLE sweeney



Congratulations, Michelle! It's hard to believe that you will be leaving us and going off to college. We watched you grow up from a cute and sometimes silly little girl into an intelligent young woman. You have always set goals and worked hard to achieve them. You have a bright future ahead with many new and exciting places to see. Love, Mom, Dad, Kristen and Brian

MICHAEL downey



Mike, Words can't describe how proud we are of you. From the time you were born until now, you have never disappointed us. Your actions and your words have always shown what wonderful character you have. Your compassion, principles, intelligence and sense of humor will take you far in life. I have no doubt and no worries about your future successes and we look forward to sharing them with you. May God always keep you safe, healthy and happy. We love you so very much and will always be here for you. Mom, Dad and Megan

JEFFREY nottingham



You are extremely gifted and talented and we are so proud of you. Your accomplishments through the years prove that you have a brilliant future ahead of you. Your personality is contagious and wherever you go friends will be there. Always have faith and trust in God. We love you - Mom, Dad & Alex

ALAINA reynolds



Lanie, We thought that the day you were born would always be the proudest moment of our lives, but you have filled our lives with proud moments like that ever since that first day. We cherish every moment with you and love you so much! Love you - Mom and Dad

Where did the time go? You went from holding our hand to being a two time Teenage Powerlifting World Champion! Soon you will be away, on your own at college. What a wonderful young man you have become-all we can say is that we hit the jackpot to have a son like you. Just remember the sky is the limit, live your dreams and don't let anything or anyone hold you back. We are always here for you. Buona Fortuna! Love you more than life, Mom & Dad



JOESEPH dimaggio



KARA gonzalez



Kara, Your daddy and I love you very much and are so proud of everything you have accomplished. We've watched you transform from a gorgeous baby to a beautiful young woman. You have filled our life with pride and joy and I believe the world is a better place with you in it. Just believe in yourself and watch as all your dreams come true. I truly believe that great things are awaiting for you, as you deserve all the happiness the world has to offer. Thanks for blessing our lives and being our daughter. Love, Mom & Dad

LEILANI castaneda



"Abada" ~ As you take your first steps into adulthood, we are reminded how fast you have blossomed into such an intelligent, charismatic, and extraordinary young woman. Your curiosity abounds and you live in the moment! Ever since you were little we knew you'd be extra special. Never forget what you've learned and how you got there. Enjoy all the chapters in life that will lead to your inevitable success and happiness. Grandma and Grandpa are watching over you with pride. Aim high and ALWAYS stay true to yourself. You deserve nothing less. You will always be our "Heavenly Flower",

Mom and Dad

P.S. - We are expecting at least 5 grandchildren!

KAITLYN caldwell



Congratulations Kate! Time has passed so quickly from our baby and her blanket to the preschooler with jelly in the corner of her mouth, to graduation day. We are excited for you but sad that too soon you will move away. We are so amazed that you have always known what you want and where you want to go. This is a gift that you are so lucky to have. Dynamite does come in small packages and we know you can accomplish anything you want in life. Be Happy! We are so proud of you, love always, Mom and Dad



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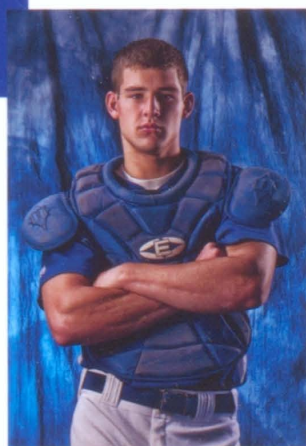
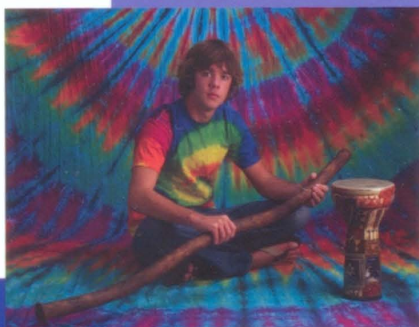
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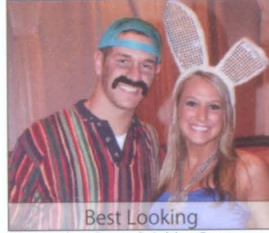
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Brittany Massie, Branislav Malesevic, & Jessica Tas



Best Body

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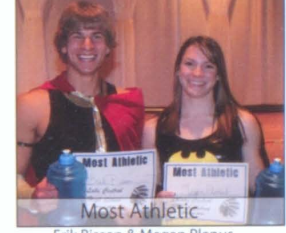
Best Looking

Christopher Crotty & Ashley Carstensen



Biggest Flirt

Chris Zaglaras & Jessica Tas



Most Athletic

Erik Bisson & Megan Plenus



Best Personality

Danielle Zomparelli & Mark Cannon



Best Eyes

Ryan Hennessey & Sarah Ranieri



Best Hair

Brittany Bencur & Fabian Urquiza



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Joseph Smyth & Mary Genovese



Best Dancer

Miquan Scafe & Kellie Butler



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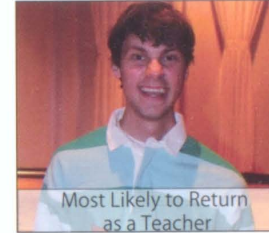
Most Likely to Become Rich and Famous

Jordan Butkus & Mark Cannon



Couple Most Likely to Marry

William Venturilli & Melanie Bates



Most Likely to Return as a Teacher

Steven Stepnoski



Ultimate Super Fan

James Rainbolt



Biggest Airhead

Stephanie Dolci



Worst Driver

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Best Laugh

Jaclyn Crockack



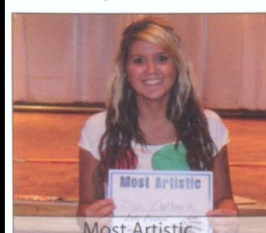
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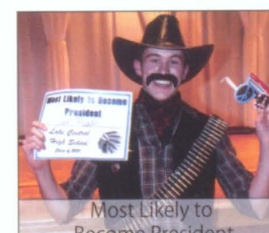
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Alaina Rodriguez



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Most Likely to Become President

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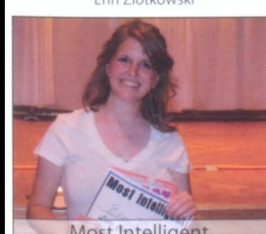
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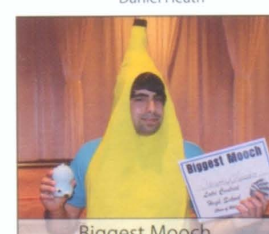
Biggest Gossip

Alyssa Gawlinski



Most Intelligent

Erin Myers



Biggest Mooch

Jeremy Lucido



Biggest Whiner

Kasey Wade



Most Stressed Out

Lessie Reeves



One-in-a-Million

Tyler Graves

MRS. SANDIE PLATT

1947-2010

A few things about Mrs. Sandie Platt from her family:

1. Mom sacrificed everything for her three children--Jennifer, Brooke, and Lake Central.

2. Mom was the epitome of a working mother--how she managed to meet the needs and desires of thousands of children is beyond comprehension.

3. "Someone will always work harder than you," she often told us in a motivational capacity. In her case, that statement was a complete fallacy.

4. It was always entertaining to see mom interact with students outside the

school setting. Once, while at Anthropologie in Oak Brook, a shocked student asked mom what she was doing in that store. Her response? "What I can't like overpriced clothing and home accessories, too?"

5. A lot of people lost a mother on April 28th.

6. Some random things she liked: Welsh Corgis, Purdue Boilermakers (alma mater), Las Vegas, scuba diving, corn dogs, The Beatles (Maxwell's Silver Hammer was her favorite song), Johnny Depp (she'd divorce dad for him--LOL), Reef Flip Flops, Longchamp bags, tomatoes, gardening.

"We love her. She is our favorite person."



"... Make a difference and leave the world a little bit better place than we found it. Sandie did exactly that,"

Mr. Marty Freeman, Principal, said.

We will miss your enthusiasm, your friendship, and your laughter.

-Mr. Rick and Mrs. Lisa Moreno, Tech nology Department & Science

I enjoyed working with Sandie Platt. She was a hard worker, a True Boilermaker, and really cared for her family and students.

-Mr. Don Bugaski, Mathematics

Sandie Platt was a mentor, a confidant and a friend. I will miss her guidance, support and friendship.

-Mrs. Joan Loden, Mathematics

Always on my mind and forever in my heart. I miss you, my dear friend.

-Mrs. Laura Zeller, English

You really have been one of the greatest people I have ever met. Your patience, dedication, friendliness, and hard work has inspired me more than anyone else I have known. Thank you so much for all you have done for our school, students, and community. Because of your impact our world has become a better place! Rest in peace Mrs. Platt, the best principal I've ever had.

-Alyssa Boyle (12)

In memory of a caring and compassionate mentor, colleague, and friend. Your energy, dedication, and determination will be missed.

-Ms. Marcia Gorelick, English

Mrs. Platt's heart was here with our students, our staff, our community. She was a wonderful role model to every teacher here, because she always put the needs of the students first. I am honored to have had the privilege of naming her as my mentor, my boss, and most of all, my friend. LC is a better place for her efforts, and I am a better person for having her in my life.

-Ms. Roberta Harnish, Science

She had a way of making me feel like a true partner in education and not as an inferior. Sometimes I forgot that she was "the principal" and always felt comfortable going to her for anything. I don't think it's an understatement to say that an era has ended at LC.

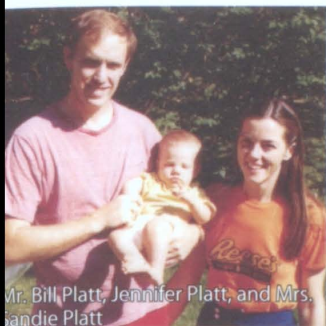
-Mr. Ray Palasz, English

Sandie was a very caring and generous soul who always took time from her busy schedule to reach out to me on a personal level whether during a family crisis or when I retired in December. She always remembered me, and I will always remember her.

-Ms. Sylvia Felecos, English

Although I am new to the Lake Central staff, I felt immediately at home because of you. You have inspired me, as I know you have many others, to be a better educator, a better mentor, and a better person. I will remember you always. Thank you.

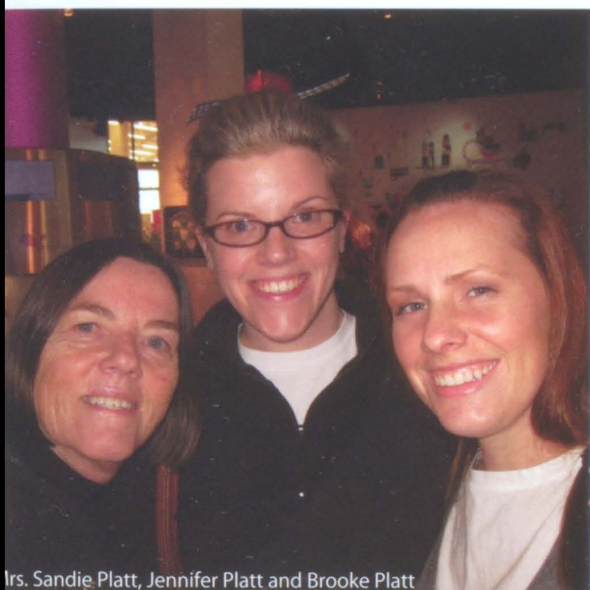
-Ms. Kelsey Olson, English



Mr. Bill Platt, Jennifer Platt, and Mrs. Sandie Platt



Mrs. Sandie Platt and Mrs. Lori Brumm



Mrs. Sandie Platt, Jennifer Platt and Brooke Platt



The Many Reasons I Loved Sandie Platt:

1. 219 says it all.
2. She put up with Bill Platt.
3. She accepted me for who I was and never asked me to change.
4. She always made me feel like one of the guys.
5. She always kissed her daughters goodbye when they came to visit her.
6. She had numerous faults and was not afraid to admit she had them.
7. She shared with me it's OK to have a messy desk as long as you make time for LC students.
8. How many women love the show Sons of Anarchy? Sandie was a biker chick minus the motorcycle.
9. She had two dogs that act like otters.
10. Some people take the day off when they get the sniffles. Sandie worked while fighting pancreatic cancer.
11. She can text like a teenager.
12. God picked her for pancreatic cancer because he knew she could handle it with grace...
13. She showed up on her worst days and gave us a smile.
14. She always remembers that Christmas is simply about kids.

-Mr. Doug McCallister, Principal

Mrs. Platt was taken from us too early in her life. But, in her years on this earth, Mrs. Platt lived a full and rich life. She not only mentored students, but also the teachers and administrators. She was dedicated to Lake Central, loved Lake Central, and was proud of Lake Central. She was a great role model and will be very missed in many, many years to come.

-Mr. Sean Begley, Principal

You changed my life when you offered me a new career and lifeline here at Lake Central. Thanks for being a great friend, boss, and mentor for me and my career. You will be missed and never forgotten.

-Mr. Tim Powers, Principal

Mrs. Platt, you were amazing. It's a shame I didn't get to know you better. Thank you so much for choosing me to be a student to talk with the designers for the referendum and for asking me to speak on behalf of it. You did so much for so many people, and you've left some tough shoes to fill. My mind still hasn't come to terms that you're really gone. It's unreal. You helped make LC great, and the students you touched will never forget you. Rest in peace, Mrs. Platt. We love you.
Hannah Nava (11)

Sandie Platt was my friend. Sandie Platt was my boss. Sandie Platt was LC. In my 20 years at LC, there has not been a principal that loved their students and their job more than Mrs. Platt. We all can learn a lot from her.
Mrs. Lori Brumm, Secretary

Mrs. Platt, you were an amazing woman and you have made such a huge impact on all of the students that have attended Lake Central. You helped us get so much equipment for percussion and we are so grateful. You will never be forgotten. Thank you for everything. Rest in peace.
-Elizabeth Kapocius (12)

Rest in Peace Mrs. Platt. You were an amazing woman and you've impacted so many lives throughout your time as the principal of Lake Central, and an educator in general. We will always love you and miss you!
-Christopher Pyle (11)

An inspiration, a mentor, a tough fighter, a good heart, proud mother, loving wife, and friend to many. I am glad and honored you touched MY life and so many Sandie! On the day of my first meeting when you were introducing the new teachers to the staff, before you said my name you said, "Now this one is a character!" and smiled...right back at ya! You will be missed. May you rest in peace in the Lord's arms.

-Mrs. Brandi Krolak, English

For always having an open door, for treating me more like a daughter than an employee, for telling me when I screwed up and when I did well, and for so many more things, thank you. I will miss you so much.

-Mrs. Sarah Verpooten, English

We should all have one common goal for our lives: that is to make a difference and leave the world a little bit better place than we found it. Sandie did exactly that.

-Mr. Marty Freeman, Principal

Mrs. Platt and I worked together as principals of the Freshmen Center and Lake Central High School. I was always impressed with her tireless work ethic and her passion to help our students succeed. She truly touched the lives of many people and made a difference at Lake Central High School.

-Mr. Ken Miller, Freshman Center Principal

You always made me feel like "Teacher of the Year." No boss ever made me feel that way before you.

-Ms. Pamela Neth, English

LUCAS GROVES

1992-2010

"Lucas was not only my peer, he was my friend. He was someone I got to know and share my laughs with. He had no problem saying 'Hello' and high-fiving everyone and anyone who passed him while walking through the halls. He will never be forgotten, but always missed. It's hard to lose someone who you see every day, and even harder when that someone was so young. Lucas was definitely the person who brightened my day and someone I definitely considered my friend. I'll miss you, Luke,"

Mark Cannon (12) said.

"Lucas was an amazing boy. He truly touched the lives of many people. Meeting somebody as special as Lucas has changed my life in a way that is indescribable. I always knew, no matter what kind of mood I was in, that going to 7th hour would make me forget everything, and I was able to enjoy 90 minutes with such amazing kids. Even though he's gone, he's still here with us, watching down on us, and laughing at every silly thing we do!"

Alyssa Gawlinski (12) said.

"Oh, Lucas...you went too soon, buddy. I still remember walking into the room and seeing your face light up because you knew that we were best friends. I remember one time when I was filming something across the lunch room and yelled, 'You're awesome, man!' I will never forget that. I will never forget you, buddy. I miss you, but I know that you're in a better place. Rest in peace, little guy,"

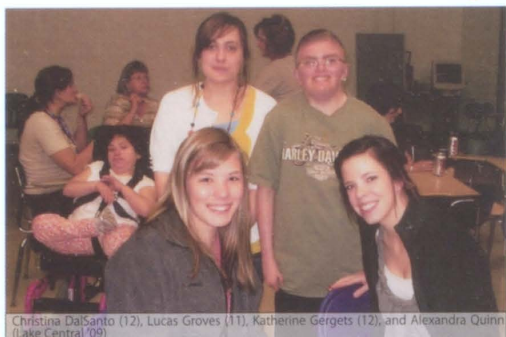
David Picioski (11) said.

"Lucas had the rare ability to see only the good in a person. He was the type of person that was filled with joy and smiles. If you knew Lucas you may have known him as the kid who brought coffee every morning or the kid who said 'hi' to everyone. I'm blessed that I had the opportunity to know Lucas. Lucas was an angel. R.I.P. Lucas <3"

Ashley Miczek (11) said.

"Lucas was the happiest kid I knew. He loved life. He was friends with everyone. Sometimes when he was laughing, he would laugh so long and had that he couldn't stop. One time the other peer mentor and I took the students into the library, and Lucas really wanted a book on bowling and they didn't have one, so Lucas kicked some boy off the computer and googled 'bowling.' He thought it was so funny. Lucas was such a good kid, he never failed to make everyone smile and laugh, he made my blue day better, and was always able to brighten everyone's day,"

Kaylin Guglielmo (11) said.



Christina DiSanto (12), Lucas Groves (11), Katherine Gergets (12), and Alexandra Quinn (Lake Central '09)



Lucas Groves (11), Joseph Soltis (12) and Tara Smith (11)



Alyssa Gawlinski (12) and Lucas Groves (11)



"Lucas was a kindhearted person and fun to be around. He always knew how to make my day a better one. He was a gift from god, a perfect kid in this world. He was kindhearted, caring and funny. I enjoyed talking to him about the Cubs and Sox, as well as other things. He was a wonderful friend of mine since 8th grade. He was a child that any parent or person would love. I miss Lucas a lot. I miss the smile and the sports talks, and other things that we would joke around about each day. The world has lost a great person. My prayers will always be with Lucas and his parents. God bless you, Lucas,"

Eric Hanck (12) said.

"Lucas never failed to make me smile. He always was joking around and no matter what my mood was, he always cheered me up. He was an amazing kid. I will always love and miss him. Bum, bum, bum,"

Alisha Auer (12) said.

"I love you, Lucas. I miss you in class. You're my best friend,"

Tara Smith (11) said.

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East Chicago	W- 14-0	Merrillville	L- 7-20
Portage	L- 0-27	Valparaiso	L- 6-24
Crown Point	L- 21-23	Munster	W- 7-3
LaPorte	W- 13-49	Merrillville	L- 13-20
Michigan City	L- 13-21		

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East Chicago	W- 50-0	Merrillville	L- 14-34
Portage	W- 35-14	Valparaiso	W- 29-28
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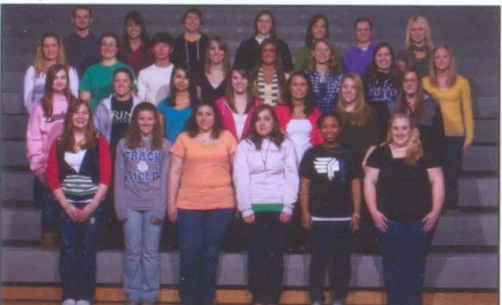
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Michigan City	W- 6-0
Merrillville	W- 8-0
Crown Point	W- 11-1
Portage	W- 11-4
Chesterton	W- 11-1
Valparaiso	W- 8-4
LaPorte	W- 4-3
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Varsity Boys Tennis

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ich (12), Bradley Spicer (12), Adam Wroughton (12), Mr. Bryan Szalonek

Score Board

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Munster	L- 3-2
Lowell	W- 5-0
West Lafayette	L- 4-1
Highland	W- 5-0
Michigan	W- 4-1
Merrillville	W- 3-2
Crown Point	W- 5-0
Portage	W- 5-0
Chesterton	W- 5-0
Valparaiso	L- 3-2
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National Honor Society

Front Row: Jonathan Ganiyu (12), Laura Herman (12), Nicolas Martinez (12), Sara Williams (12), Kelsey Giordano (12), Zachary Propper (12), Jonathan Sommer (12), Douglas Lannin (12) **Second Row:** Julia Stecyk (12), Nicole Kuehner (12), Joseph Rybicki (12), Stephen Borkowski (12), Pukhrajeeet Chhokar (12), Jessica Clemons (12), Daniel Peterseon (12), Charlotte Thesing (12) **Third Row:** Jason Piercy (12), Michael Nalezny (12), Kerri Clark (12), Stephanie Shupryt (12), Rebekah Kasper (12), Samantha Howes (12), Nichole Szczerbowski (12), Michael Downey (12), Adam Karz (12) **Back Row:** Andrea Kras (12), Michael Frick (12), Grant McCormack (12), Phillip Foreman (12), Adam Wroughton (12), Matthew Radencic (12), Mark Cannon (12), Erik Bisson (12), Steven Stepnoski (12)



N-Teens

Front Row: Kearney Fagan (9), Taylor Flahive (9), Tatjana Bobic (9), Mallory Hayes (9), Elizabeth Barsic (10), Tiffany Winchell (11) **Second Row:** Kailee White (11), Christian Perez (9), Monica Wartman (10), Samantha Howes (12), Elise Boyd (12) **Third Row:** Audrey Robertson (12), Savannah Curatolo (9), Jayne Kelley (9), Megan Rademacher (10), Carolyn Siedelmann (10), Cora Richins (10) **Back Row:** Rachel Steele (11), Jenna Williamson (11), Michelle Swee-ney (12), Richanne Matthews (9), Laura Arceo (9), Cesar Pulido (11)



N-Teens

Front Row: Dejana Nonkovic (10), Madalyn Bobelenyi (9), Katherine Schafer (10), Hillary Harmon (10), Rachel Stidham (9), Alissa Ludwig (10) **Second Row:** Jennifer Schafer (11), Maranda Fishback (11), Allison Wagner (9), Jasmine Campbell (9), Caelainn Crnjak (9) **Third Row:** Melissa DeYoung (10), Erica Yotheiment (12), Erica Hauter (12), Araceli Barrientez (11), Noemi Hernandez (11), Rebecca DeYoung (12) **Back Row:** Christie Callahan (12), Megan Hammer (12), Brooke Carnahan (12), Anna Swan (9), Alexandria Miskus (9)

Score Board

Morton	W- 8-2
Griffith	W- 10-0
Lowell	W- 6-4
East Chicago	W- 6-2
Highland	W- 7-4
Andean	W- 5-1
Michigan City	W- 9-2
LaPorte	W- 6-1
Munster	L- 7-3
Valparaiso	W- 7-6
Portage	W- 6-4
Hobart	W- 6-2
Chesterton	W- 6-4
Crown Point	W- 7-5
Merrillville	W- 7-2



JV Girls Tennis

Front Row: Marlo Owczarzak (9), Nicole Stanek (9), Jill Sanders (12), Kathryn Toth (9), Breanna Falcone (10) **Second Row:** Samantha Dow (9), Angelique Whitehead (10), Brittany Warzyniak (9), Danielle Kulina (10), Taylor Shoemaker (10), Emma Rogers (9) **Back Row:** Mr. Bryan Szalonek, Angela Gerlach (10), Abigail Melvin (11), Caitlin Kearns (10), Randi Kass (11), Vanessa Olson (9), Mrs. Vivien Velesco

Score Board

Morton	W- 5-0
Griffith	W- 5-0
Lowell	W- 3-2
East Chicago	W- 5-0
Highland	L- 4-1
Andean	W- 5-0
Michigan City	L- 3-2
LaPorte	W- 3-2
Munster	L- 5-0
Valparaiso	L- 4-1
Portage	L- 3-2
Hobart	W- 3-2
Chesterton	L- 5-0
Crown Point	L- 3-2
Merrillville	W- 5-0



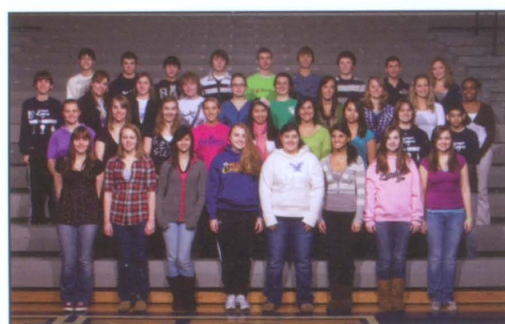
Varsity Girls Tennis

Front Row: Samantha Tarrant (12), Erica Yotheiment (12), Emma Harowski (11), Lauren Ashenbrenner (11), Ashley DeSantiago (11) **Back Row:** Assistant Jill Sanders (12), Mr. Bryan Szalonek, Valerie Hill (12), Anna Weber (10), Colleen McElmurry (11), Emily Peppin (12), Erin Myers (12), Mrs. Vivien Velesco



Academic Letterwinners

Front Row: Charity Newsome (12), Alissa Ludwig (10), Megan Dunn (12), Ashley Chung (10), Hannah Zivkovich (9), Elizabeth McClain (12), Rachel Pruett (9), Soo Min Kim-Chiang (10), **Second Row:** Arthi Vezhavendan (11), Lisa Goldstein (10), Taylor Smith (10), Adrienne Kristevski (10), Natasha Massie (10), Michelle Okerstrom (10), Caitlin Amescua (12) **Third Row:** Stephanie St. Amour (11), Lauren Wadas (10), Kristen Alexa (10), Olivia Birlson (10), Jelena Marcic (10), Emily VanderVelde (10), Cecelia Lai (11), Batul Contractor (11) **Back Row:** April VanMilligan (10), Megan Plenus (12), Alyssa Kasper (12), Samantha Pazak (12), Christie Callahan (12), Erica Yothment (12), Erica Hauter (12), Andrea Alvarez (10)



Academic Letterwinners

Front Row: Lindsey Flagg (10), Holly Sobun (10), Courtney Mirkov (11), Jessica Lyza (11), Meghan Blais (11), Alexea Candrea (11), Molly Rupp (12), Amy Rupp (10) **Second Row:** Samantha Gindl (12), Michelle Sweeney (12), Sarah Anderson (10), Bridget Boyle (10), Katrina Burgos (10), Chelsea Keith (12), Melinda Lopez (12), Corinne Wilschke (10), Mufaddal Udaipurwala (10) **Third Row:** John Hemmerling (10), Abigail Toren (10), Katherine Krull (12), Ryan Kluck (10), Tamara Thompson (10), Katherine Skura (12), Devin Moore (12), Kristina Hemmerling (12), Brittney Brady (12), Cherriana Brown (10) **Back Row:** Joseph Dorsch (9), Kyle Ristich (10), John Perez (9), Zachary Lawson (9), Douglas Lannin (12), Zachary Propper (12), Dieter Schultz (10), Bogdan Jevtic (10), Jamie Craine (10)



Varsity Cheerleading

Front Row: Ashley Scott (11), Ashley Kahn (11), Amanda Fazio (9), Haley Damron (11), Samantha Sommer (11), Meghan Janich (10), Haley Loden (9) **Second Row:** Jordyn Carta (10), Kaitlyn Moricz (9), Ashley Carstensen (12), Brittney Brady (12), Caitlin Kowaleski (11), Adrienne Kristevski (10) **Back Row:** Ashley Kristevski (12), Brittany Daliege (11), Alicia Moricz (12), Shannen Sebahar (10), Alexandra Trevino (9)

Score Board

State Pre-lims Greenfield	6th place
State New Castle	11th place
Chicago Bulls Classic	1st place
Champion Spirit St. Xavier	1st place
Hoosier Open Portage	2nd place
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Chicago Bulls Classic	1st place
Champion Spirit St. Xavier	1st place
Hoosier Open Portage	1st place

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Academic Letterwinners

Front Row: Trisha Shanahan (11), Megan Kuechle (10), Nicholas Myers (10), Thomas Lozanowski (10), Nikolina Ajder (12), Matthew Shute (10), Richard Gard (10), Erik Krol (10), Brandon Chung (10)
Second Row: Phillip Foreman (12), Adam Wroughton (12), Carlos Hernandez (12), Charlotte Thesing (11), Laura Herman (12), Jonathan Ganiyu (12), Nichole Szczerbowski (12), Pukhrajjeet Chhokar (12)
Third Row: Mary Thomas (11), Brittany Daliege (11), Caitlin Kearns (10), Danielle Kulina (10), Jessica Lecea (10), Julianne Nanay, Sara Williams (12), Kelsey Giordano (12), Stephen Borkowski (12) **Back Row:** Timothy O' Connor (10), Steven Stepnoski (12), Nicolas Martinez (12), Matthew Radencic (12), Daniel Peterson (12), Ryan Freeman (10), Jonathan Sommer (12), Jeffery Trembacki (12), Jeromy Rech (10)



Academic Letterwinners

Front Row: Jake Markiewicz (11), Dylan Drever (12), Mark Cannon (12), Michael Downey (12), Juan Gaona (9), Nicholas Newell (9), Daniel Fox (9), Mitchel Bouma (9), George Papanikolaou (10) **Second Row:** Kristen Flens (11), Charles Sayger (10), Alice Wasylowsky (10), Allison Schmitt (10), Brenden Hulett (11), Zachary Mantel (10), Rosilio Roman (10), Joshua Keith (10), Karan Sharma (10) **Third Row:** Anna Weber (10), Blaine O' Neill-Perez (10), Ashley Smith (10), Joseph Rybicki (12), Michael Nalezny (12), Kerri Clark (12), Megan Bereda (10), Jessica Smith (11), Lucas Rey (10) **Fourth Row:** Keertan Kini (10), Nicolle Kinzel (10), Britney Tuskan (12), Alyssa Boyle (12), Michael Skurka (10), Stephen Macnak (9), Paden Long (10), Kyle O' Connor (10), Michael Daniels (10) **Back Row:** Zachary King (10), Bradley Fisher (10), Anthony Partacz (10), William Pollalis (10)



Varsity Baseball

Front Row: Bradley Wartman (11), Frank Pluskota (12), John Pedersen (12), Samuel Pattison (11) **Second Row:** James Wanda (12), Stephen Letz (11), Brian Crider (12), Ryan Hunter (12), Edward Moldenhauer (11), Henry Siedentopf (11) **Back Row:** Mr. Joe Stanisz, Cody Dykema (11), Jacob Harrison (12), Kurt Kudrecki (12), Max Majchrzak (12), Brandon Cloutier (11), Mr. Jeff Sandor

Score Board

Bishop Noll	W-2-1	LaPorte	L-3-5	Merrillville	W-7-2
Hanover Central	W-9-5	Michigan City	W-3-1	LaPorte	L-6-8
Lowell	W-10-5	Valparaiso	W-4-3	Michigan City	W-4-3
Munster	W-13-10	Benton Central	W-12-6	Valparaiso	W-11-1
Highland	W-12-2	Chesterton	W-9-0	Indianapolis Cathedral	L-6-7
Griffith	W-12-9	Portage	W-5-1	Franklin	W-6-5
Merrillville	W-11-0	Crown Point	W-13-12	Portage	W-1-0



Junior Varsity Baseball

Front Row: Colin Mancera (10), Chase Fieldhouse (10), Zachary Mantel (10), Austen Wagoner (10), Joshua Mirowski (10), Will Sasaki (10), Marcus Rosselli (10), Jacob Graves (10) **Back Row:** James McNamara (10), Adam Fulk (10), Taylor Lehnert (10), Mr. Jeff Myszak, Anthony Fushi (10), Ryan Pachowicz (10), Jacob Baranowski (10)

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Bishop Noll	W-13-4	LaPorte	W-12-4	LaPorte	W-13-1
Lowell	W-13-2	Michigan City	W-21-2	Michigan City	W-16-5
Munster	W-10-0	Valparaiso	W-12-11	Andean	W-5-2
Highland	L-7-8	Chesterton	W-10-0	Andean	W-10-3
Griffith	W-14-8	Portage	W-13-1	Portage	W-7-3
Gavit	W-21-0	Crown Point	W-7-6	Chesterton	W-7-6
Merrillville	W-14-5	Merrillville	W-15-0	Crown Point	W-6-5



Concert Choir

First Row: Joelle Opyt (12), Silvia Rios (12), Emily Hogg (12), Alexia Duker (9), Jennifer Sisko (11), Estibaliz Alanador (10), Lori Stanski (11), Brittany Johnson (12), Brooke Podowski (11), Kali Pittman (12) **Second Row:** Abigail Toren (10), Jillian Egipciaco (12), Kaitlin Westlund (11), Jillian Spivak (11), Michael Nugent (12), Hannah Kerstin (12), Kelsey Flanagan (12), Rebecca Budimir (10) **Third Row:** Tyler Mills (12), Faith Donovan (11), Anthony Perez (10), Jennifer Soltesz (12), Jordan Burkus (12), Jared Kullmann (12), Sarah Scott (11), Robert Starks (10), Kelsey Egipciaco (10), Jay Kaufman (9), Sean O'Brien (12) **Back Row:** Brian Bandura (10), Grant McCormack (12), Shawn Beach (11), Benjamin Young (12), Kelly Bourget (11), Michael Flores (12), Zenon Mills (12), David Nathaniel Walters (12), Miquan Scafe (12), Ryan Beach (11), Britney Tuskan (12), Kristen Buchanan (11)



Varsity Choir

First Row: Courtney McCraw (10), Emily Banning (11), Alaina Parducci (10), Mary Pellegrini (11), Joelle Opyt (12), Ashley Villanova (11) **Second Row:** Olivia Doan (10), Lisa Lee (10), Michael Nugent (12), Joshua Rogers (9), Benjamin Young (12) **Third Row:** Emily Paganelli (10), Jared Kullmann (12), Jordan Burkus (12), Angelica Dulin (11), Brittany Johnson (12), Shaniqua Williams (11) **Back Row:** David Nathaniel Walters (12), Zenon Mills (12), Kristen Buchanan (11), Miquan Scafe (12), Jacob Quintanilla (9), Alexander Lopez (9), Sean O'Brien (12), Tyler Mills (12)



Senior Treble Choir

First Row: Jessica Youngs (10), Rebecca Rodgers (10), Emily Kakol (10), Michelle Herrmann (10), Meagan Sipora (10), Christina Greider (11), Alyssa Amesua (10), Lisa Rodriguez (11) **Second Row:** Joelle Opyt (12), Kelsey Egipciaco (12), Angelica Dulin (11), Amy Rupp (10), Jillian Spivak (11), Rebecca Budimir (10), Brittany Johnson (12), Taylor Wilkie (10) **Third Row:** Emily Radziejewski (10), Haley Bartolomei (10), Taylor Shoemaker (10), Julia Cavanaugh (10), Alyson Dirck (10), Noemi Hernandez (10), Ashlee Sullivan (10), Alexandra Vuckovic (10), Rachael Kobus (10) **Back Row:** Grace Kelly (10), Taylor Triemstra (10), Shaniqua Williams (11), Megan Bereda (10), Natalie Mularski (10), Angela Getlach (10), Samorie Owens (10), Cheriana Brown (10), Kelsey Flanagan (12), Maling Scafe (10), Kathryn Peterson (10)



JV Boys Soccer

First Row: Jacob Berwanger (9), Mitchell Ackerman (10), Christopher Trevino (10), Joseph Majchrowicz (9), David Reed (9), Timothy Ritchie (9), Justin Luna (9) **Second Row:** Adam VanMilligan (9), Nikolaus Schultz (10), Ethan Kawalec (9), Troy Cherven (10), Matthew Konvalinka (10), Shawn Brandt (9), Frank Gasparetti (10), Brian Jelawski (10), Dieter Schultz (10) **Back Row:** Mr. Jerome Rainwater, Rosilio Roman (10), Stephen Macruci (9), Benjamin Peppin (10), Shane Walton (9), Mr. Eric Graves, Matthew Wilson (10), Brian Zimmer (10), Alexander Dougherty (10), Mr. Andrew Keiman

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Chesterton	W-1-0
LaPorte	W-3-1
Chesterton	L-0-1
Elkhart	W-3-0
Valparaiso	L-1-4
Zionsville	L-0-1
Evansville Harrison	W-1-0
De LaSalle	L-0-2
Munster	T-1-1
Merrillville	W-4-0
Penn	L-0-2
Crown Point	L-1-3



Varsity Boys Soccer

First Row: Thomas Cameron (10), Randy Maksimik (10), Andrew Ritchie (11), Brandon Cloutier (11), Ethan Donovan, Manuel Rios (10), Bryan Perez (10) **Second Row:** Robert Rigg (11), Joshua Crague (9), Kyle Uzubell (10), Cody Barnes (11), Paulius Junokas (9), Djordje Janjus (11), Eppokrates Litos (12) **Back Row:** Mr. Andrew Keiman, Jared Schreiber (12), David Picoski (11), Christopher Rassel (9), Mr. Jerome Rainwater, Fabian Urquiza (12), Douglas Petersen (11), Mr. Eric Graves

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Munster	T-1-1
Highland	W-4-0
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St. Joseph	W-2-1
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First Row: Jennifer Sitko (11), Jared Kullmann (12), Tyler Mills (12), Emily Hogg (12) **Second Row:** Joelle Opyt (12), Michael Flores (12), Kristen Buchanan (11), Kelly Bourget (11), Brian Bandura (10), Brittany Johnson (12) **Back Row:** Jordan Butkus (12), Miquan Scaife (12), David Nathaniel Walters (12), Faith Donovan (11), Grant McCormack (12), Jillian Egipciano (12)



Da Capo

First Row: Jared Kullmann (12), Benjamin Young (12), Ryan Beach (11) **Second Row:** Michael Flores (12), Tyler Mills (12) **Back Row:** Miquan Scaife (12), Brian Bandura (10), Zenon Mills (12) **Fourth Row:** David Nathaniel Walters (12), Shawn Beach (11), Grant McCormack (12), Kristen Buchanan (11)



Trebleaires

First Row: Meagan Sipora (10), Alexandra Vuckovic (10), Jillian Spivak (11), Brooke Podowski (11) **Second Row:** Rebecca Rodgers (10), Rebecca Budimir (10), Kaitlin Westlund (11), Kelsey Egipciano (10), Emily Radziejewski (10) **Back Row:** Jordan Butkus (12), Taylor Triemstra (10), Kelsey Flanagan (12), Sarah Scott (11)

Score Board

Highland	T-1-1
Munster	W-3-1
Carmel	L-0-3
St. Joseph	L-0-1
Penn	W-1-0
Michigan City	W-5-1
North Central	W-2-0
Center Grove	L-0-2
Portage	W-5-2
South Bend Clay	W-4-0
Andean	W-3-1
LaPorte	W-8-0
Chesterton	L-2-3
Valparaiso	W-1-0
Hobart	W-3-0
Merrillville	W-7-0
Crown Point	L-3-4



Varsity Girls Soccer

First Row: Kaley Marcinak (12), Rachel Madsen (12), Taylor Shoemaker (10), Katelyn Diehl (12), Cecilia Urquiza (10), Ashley Doreski (12) **Second Row:** Kara Polus (10), Lauren Doreski (9), Jane Gates (10), Katherine Krull (12), Brooke Polus (12), Nikolina Ajder (12) **Back Row:** Ms. Julie Moore, Laura Herman (12), Emily Peppin (12), Hillary Campbell (10), Ms. Lori Smith, Alana Eater (11), Jordyn Dash (11), Megan Bereda (10), Ms. Terri Budlove

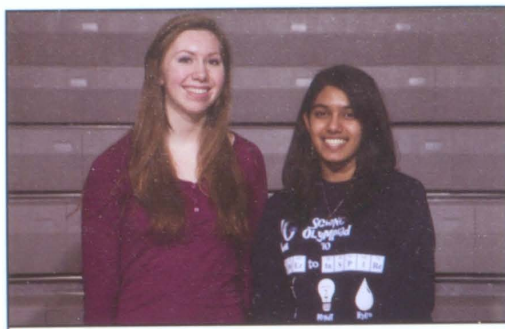
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Michigan City	W-4-1
Highland	W-3-0
Munster	W-3-1
Michigan City	W-6-0
Portage	W-5-2
S.B. Clay	W-4-1
LaPorte	W-6-0
Chesterton	T-1-1
Valparaiso	L-1-0
Merrillville	W-9-0
Crown Point	W-3-1



JV Girls Soccer

First Row: Jessa Rogers (9), Samantha Miksich (10), Shannon Freedom (9), Nada Issa (9), Emily Bennett (9) **Second Row:** Emily Hendrickson (10), Crystal Kirchhoff (10), Elissa Fife (9), Michelle Wartman (9), Kristen Alexa (10), Jennifer Niemczyk (9), Kathryn Toth (9), Rachel Cook (9) **Back Row:** Ms. Lori Smith, Jacquelyn Brazzale (10), Amy Gasiorowski (11), Vanessa Olson (9), Ms. Julie Moore, Christina Miljevic (10), Courtney Barnes (10), Sarah Hudi (9), Ms. Terri Budlove



Astronomy

Ashley Smith (10), Arthi Vezhavendan (11)



Environmental Club

Front Row: Mrs. Jackie Ruiz, Emma Rogers (9), Corinne Wilschke (10), Emily Miles (10), Grace Calderone (11), Jee-Hyun Kim-Chiang (11), Soo Min Kim-Chiang (10), **Second Row:** Kurt Heerema (10), Jamie Livingston (10), Megan Kuechle (10), Kathryn Pino (9), Jacob Kozel (10), John Hemmerling (10), **Back Row:** Matthew Nickolaou (11), Evan Demaree (11), Zachary King (10), Rebecca Hill (10), Charles Sayger (10)



Boys Golf

Front Row: Anthony Lencioni (9), Michael Chase (9), Matthew Barenie (12), Kameron Caldwell (11), Jonathan Gross (9), **Back Row:** Michael Barenie (10), Cameron Inch (10), Adam Groat (12), Mr. John Schneider, Vincent Barker (12), John Gruszczyk (12), Nikola Beader (9)

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Highland	W	Mishawaka	L	Chesterton	L	Valparaiso	W
Munster	L	Crown Point	L	Portage	W	Michigan City	L
Briar Cup	L	Valparaiso	L	Chesterton	L	Crown Point	L
LaPorte	L	Michigan City	W	Merrillville	W		
LaPorte	L	Merrillville	W	Portage	W		

Front Row: Phillip Applegate (9), Jacob Bermingham (9), Kyle Ristich (10), Jacob Lippe (10), Nikolaus Schultz (10), Collin Seren (10), Jeffery Trembacki (12), Matthew Spanier (9), Kyle Crawford (9), Ryan Gindl (10), Michael Buckman (10), Justin Wippo (9), Christopher Albright (9), Brendyn Price (9), Jacob Ponton (12), Jonathan Sommer (12), Alexander Gianopolis (12), Robert Cooley (12), Anthony Albomonte (11), Kyle Carroll (9), **Second Row:** Zachary Schuch (10), Kyle Greene (9), Robert Shaw (10), Nolan Mancera (12), Peter Hoff (11), Keith Hickok (10), Matthew Bjorklund (12), Eric Hickok (11), Mitchel Bouma (9), Ryan Kozy (9), Brian Bielawski (10), Jeremy Huisenga (9), Kyle Prissy (9), Ronald Zega (10), Randall Trembacki (10), Erik Plesha (11), Anthony Giazzon (9), Zachary Bencur (9), Casimir Radziejewski (10), **Third Row:** Chris Zagalaras (12), Erik Bisson (12), Isiah Duggan (10), Alex Thompson (10), Zachary Ryba (11), Bradley Uzubell (9), Nicholas Newell (9), Jake Markiewicz (11), Juan Gaona (9), Micheal Seigle (9), Eric Minyard (9), Isaac Duggan (10), Lucas David (9), Allen Wopinski (10), Nicholas Hartog (12), Mr. Paul Volk, **Fourth Row:** Thomas Zega (12), Kyle Uzubell (10), Efrain Flores (12), Darren DeLaurentis (10), Steven Newell (11), Daniel Trzupek (11), Adam Brown (11), Ryan Frick (11), Adam Keric (10), David Yancey (9), Dean Kokot (9), Isaac Dozier (10), Gilberto Barajas (11), Michael Ortega (11), Mr. Doug Burns, **Back Row:** Mr. Rudy Skorupa, Mr. Jeff Rhody, Stephen Macnac (9), Christopher Smith (9), Joseph Mayer (11), Bradley Spicer (12), Kevin Horecky (12), Adam Karcz (12), Zachary Gentz (10), Jacob Miklusk (10), Michael Hines (9), Drew Vos (10), Marc Gjeldum (10)

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Merrillville	L-44-88
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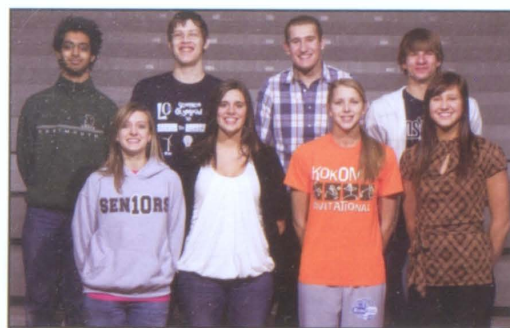
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Chemistry Club

Front Row: Nicole Kuehner (12), Alyssa Boyle (12), Alisha Auer (12), Britney Tuskan (12), **Back Row:** Keertan Kini (10), Zachary King (10), Adam Karcz (12), Erik Bisson (12)



Science Olympiad

Front Row: Corinne Wilschke (10), Noemi Hernandez (10), Michelle Baczkowski (11), Mufaddal Udaipurwala (10), Cecelia Lai (11), Batul Contractor (11), Arthi Vezhavendan (11), Valerie Flores (10), **Second Row:** Michael Plaskett (9), Zachary Lawson (9), John Hemmerling (10), Paul Lai (9), Peter Lai (9), Christian Perez (9), John Perez (9), **Third Row:** Keertan Kini (10), Joseph Finnegan (9), Daniel Fox (9), Daniel Kelly (11), Charles Sayger (10), Joseph Dorsch (9), **Back Row:** Mr. Fred Farnell, Zachary King (10), William Pollalis (10)



Girls Golf

Front Row: Michelle Baczkowski (11), Megan Falat (10), Tiffany Thupvong-Huckaby (10), Miroslava Repak (11), Jennifer Pufahl (11), **Back Row:** Jamie Hintz (9), Lisa Rodriguez (11), Brianna Davy (12), Mr. Christopher Rossiano, Kathryn Peterson (10), Emily Sandefur (11), Victoria Balicki (10)

Score Board

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 KV Invite 2nd Score: 368
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 Crown Point W Score: 182
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Front Row: Dana Payonk (12), Shannen Reynolds (12), Megan Plenus (12), Rylee Sullivan (11), Shelby Carroll (10), Amanda Onest (9), Amanda Fazio (9), Anna Kacius (11), Andrea Alvarez (10), Sarah Hudi (9), Katelin Smierciak (11), Alana Eater (11), **Second Row:** Rachel Giese (10), Dayna Less (10), Kaitlyn Moricz (9), Emily Thompson (10), Katelyn Brown (9), Elizabeth Racich (10), Katherine Krull (12), Jill Tharp (10), Samantha Stewart (12), Crystal Kirchhoff (10), Allysa Markiewicz (12), Jaaelon Washington (11), Kristina Hemmerling (12)
Back Row: Kaitlyn Weis (9), Michelle Wartman (9), Jessica Delbovo (9), Lauren Doreski (9), Elizabeth Tegtman (10), Isis Thomas (11), Halee Willis (9), LeVisa Evans (10), Alaina Willis (9), Riley Wayco (9)

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 Michigan City W- 115-17
 Crown Point W- 84-48
 LaPorte W- 112-20
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Girls Track



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Front row: Brittany Massie (12), Erin Zlotkowski (12) **Second Row:** Bianca Bova (12), Kalie Vanderbilt (10), Bryan Hoyt (10), Mario Vega (12) **Back row:** Jennifer Gamboa (12), Ashley Smith (10), Allison Cox (10), Grant McCormack (12)



Art Club

Front Row: Jee-Hyun Kim-Chiang (11), Andrea Castillo (12), Raven Neal (12), Ashley Chiluski (12), Soo Min Kim-Chiang (10) **Second Row:** Staci Hearne (10), Kayla Greenwell (12), Bryan Hoyt (10), Yesenia Muñoz (12) **Back Row:** Kaitlyn Stancy (12), Evan Demaree (11), Nicole Toler (10), Ashley Smith (10), Julie Hryniowiecki (12)



Boys Freshman Basketball

Front Row: Dominic Spigolon (9), Ryan Burvan (9), Jonathan Vercimak (9), Nicholas Kellams (9), Brandon Topp (9), Christopher Lopez (9) **Second Row:** Michael Barnes (9), Alexander Ratic (9), Aaron Glatt (9), Jeremy Prisby (9), Matthew Albin (9), Austin Eater (9) **Back Row:** Mr. Andy Locke, Shaun Riordan (9), Kyle Scherer (9), Tyler Benedict (9), Daniel Weber (9), Michael Miklusk (9), Anthony Schneider (9), Austin Todd (9), Mr. Joshua Huwig

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Merrillville	L-30-48	Merrillville	W-50-45	Munster	W-32-15
Portage	W-58-37	East Chicago	L-36-44	Crown Point	W-59-36
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Portage	W-38-15	Hobart	W-44-22	Hanover	W-43-27
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Valparaiso	W-25-17	Harrison	W-33-26	Merrillville	W-42-24
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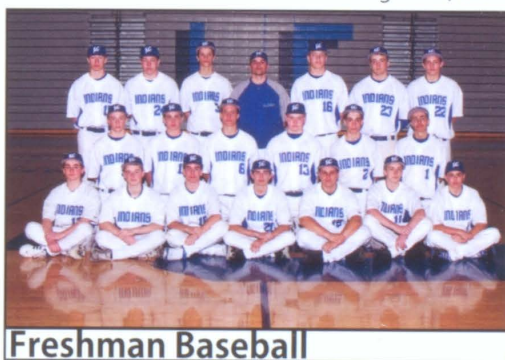
Freshman Art Club

Front Row: Brenae' Collier (9), Alexander Nottingham (9), Jocilynn Falco (9) **Back Row:** Alec Schassburger (9), Jillian Ryan (9), Hannah Christenson (9), Kyle Prisby (9)



Photo Club

Front Row: Jee-Hyun Kim-Chiang (11), Cesar Pulido (11), Nolan Mancera (12), Danielle Gioiosa (11), Soo Min Kim-Chiang (10) **Back Row:** Nicole Toler (10), Javier Perez (11), Allison Cox (10)



Freshman Baseball

Front Row: Jack Pufahl (9), Adam VanMilligan (9), Alec Pickert (9), Nicholas Kellams (9), Antonio Majstorov (9), Bradley Staszewski (9) **Second Row:** Steven Fulk (9), Michael Barnes (9), Jason Cross (9), Austin Eatinger (9), Jonathon Vercimak (9), Ryan Burvan (9) **Back Row:** Aaron Glatt (9), Donald Gifford (9), Michael Miklusak (9), Mr. Ryan Keelan, Anthony Schneider (9), Shaun Riordan (9), Cody Brack (9)

Score Board

Munster	W- 17-0	Portage	L- 1-3	Hobart	W- 15-1
Bishop Noll	W- 13-1	Lowell	L- 22-0	Valparaiso	W- 2-1
Hobart	W- 12-1	Crown Point	W- 11-4	Andean	L- 3-8
Andean	W- 9-3	Kankakee Valley	L- 9-0	Andean	W- 9-1
Griffith	W- 12-3	Chesterton B	L- 11-1	Portage	L- 5-4
Valparaiso	L- 8-12	Kankakee Valley	W- 6-1	Chesterton	L- 11-0
Chesterton	W- 11-9	Andean	L- 1-2	Crown Point	W- 14-4

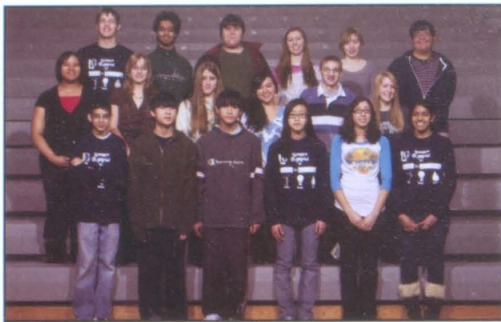


Freshman Cheerleading

Front Row: Darian Cooper (9), Sam Gibson (9), Kyra Snoreck (9), Emily Costello (9), Kylie Brezinski (9) **Back Row:** Shauna Kelly (9), Brittany Vanek (9), Alexa Rainbolt (9), Rachael Johnston (9), Kourtney Morris (9)

Score Board

State Highland Anderson	8th	Champion Spirit St. Xavier	1st
Chicago Bulls Classic	1st	Hoosier Open Portage	1st



Academic Superbowl

Front Row: Mufaddal Udaipurwala (10), Peter Lai (9), Paul Lai (9), Cecelia Lai (11), Batul Contractor (11), Arthi Vezhavendan (11) **Second Row:** Courtney Jones (12), Kristen Flens (11), Megan Kuechle (10), Megan Lynch (11), Glenn Kurtz (11), Rebecca Kimberly (11) **Back Row:** Zachary King (10), Keertan Kini (10), Brian Kuechle (12), Ashley Smith (10), Alexandra Dumezich (10), Cesar Pulido (11)



Spellbowl

Front Row: Jessica Smith (11), Corrine Wilschke (10), Molly Rupp (12), Amy Rupp (10) **Back Row:** Samantha Feldman (11), Evan Demaree (11)



Student Council

Front Row: Arthi Vezhavendan (11), Tamara Porter (11), Amaya Starks (9), Shelly Shibu (9), Diana Dieguez (11) **Second Row:** Cherriana Brown (10), Melinda Lopez (12), Kali Stageman (11), Daina Dangerfield (12) **Third Row:** Erik Krol (10), Arianna Starks (11), Michelle Sweeney (12), Brooke Carnahan (12), London Martin (10) **Back Row:** Andrew Ballow (10), Zachary Proper, Matthew Shute (10)



Volleyball Freshman

Front Row: Caelainn Crnjak (9), Nicole Vetrocky (9), Kierstyn Rush (9), Alyssa Childress (9), Nicole Garza (9), Megan Gindl (9) **Back Row:** Alexis Scherzinger (9), Lauren DiNino (9), Taylor Matushek (9), Coach Katherine Heimer, Kylee Cloutier (9), Julianne Epperson (9), Kimberly Kayes (9)

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Volleyball Junior Varsity

Front Row: Kelsey Doyle (10), Allison Czazasty (10), Gina Cybulski (10), Bridget Boyle (10), April VanMilligan (10), Josephine Binette (9) **Back Row:** Megan Jubera (10), Marissa Barney (10), Nicole Adams (10), Coach Jenn Barta, Anna Weber (10), Lauren Marsee (10), Rachel Giese (10)

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Front Row: Emily Hogg (12), Cassandra Neal (12), Hannah Nava (11), Tiffany Thupvong-Huckaby (10), Meghan Blais (11) Second Row: Jessica Lyza (11), Trisha Shanahan (11), Mufaddal Udaipurwala (10), Justin Pavlina (11), Christina DalSanto Third Row: Matthew Shute (10), Thomas Lozanoski (10), Blaine O'Neill-Perez (10), Brett Kelly (11), Nicholas Griffiths (11) Last Row: Keertan Kini (10), Zachary King (10), Charles Evans (12), Jason Piercy (12)

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Michigan City	W-3-2
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Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Casey Phillips (12), Alyssa Ippolito (11), Alexandria Copak (11), Baleigh Nosal (11), Sarah Anderson (10), Rachel DeLira (10) Back Row: Coach Tina Tinberg, Kaitlyn Wagenaar (10), Alyssa Boyle (12), Alisha Auer (12), Britney Tuskan (12), Madsen Redar (12), Coach Bill Gray



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Front Row: Mary Genovese (12), Kellie Butler (12), Courtney Severin (12), Racquel Mazur (12), Suzanne Foreman (12), Jade Blessing (10), Jaime Davis (11), Emilie Middleton (11), Gianna Davis (11) Second Row: Tiffany Marquiss (11), Alyssa Kovich (11), Chelsey Banasiak (11) Crista Pyrz (11), Anastasia Amanatidis (11), Lauren Skeritch (9), Morgan Cain (10), Nina Barnes (10), Taylor Green (10), Frances Pollaro (10), Rosalina Arellano (10) Back Row: Catrina Penna (11), Crysta Crothers (11), Nicole Griffin (10), Kaylin Guglielmo (11), Allie Tribble (10), Shannon Putnam (9), Kristina Domobovic (9), Abigail Emmett (9), Lindsay McCain (9), Cindy Geertsma (9), Ashley Roberts (9), Madeleine Hiemstra (10)



Dollars for Scholars

Front Row: Ashley Chung (10), Aubrey Doescher (9), Jennifer Mishevich (9), Kailynn Madsen (9), Anna Kacius (11) **Second Row:** Megan Dunn (12), Kristen Alexa (10), Lauren Wadas (10), Jennifer Schafer (11), Arianna Batistatos (11), Araceli Barrientez (11) **Third Row:** Sarah Ashcraft (9), Jessica Clemons (12), Jillian Jones (11), Lynn Zeheralis (11), Stephanie St. Amour (11) **Fourth Row:** Lauren Ashenbrener (11), Miranda Peterson (11), Alexea Candreva (11), Olivia Birlson (10), Katrina Burgos (10), Kyle Babusiak (12) **Back Row:** Grace Calderone (11), Samantha Pavlakis (11), and Sarah Geisheimer (9)



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Front Row: Abigail Hallow (10), Anna Swan (9), Kearney Fagan (9), Todd Banvich (9), Zachary Janusz (10), Nicolette Mehas (11), Caitlin Kowaleski (11), Kramer Phalen (11) **Second Row:** Alexandra Trevino (9), Amy Rupp (10), Hannah Kerstin (12), Corinne Wilschke (10), Stephanie Stremplewski (10), Taylor Griffiths (10), Margaret Howe (10), Jacob Kozel (10), Ella Soltis (9) **Third Row:** Nikolina Ajder (12), Paige Panfil (9), Jeremy Rech (10), Tyler Mills (12), Jonathan Sommer (12), Jacob Ponton (12), Danielle Kulina (10), Rachel Giese (10) **Back Row:** Kristen Flens (11), Abigail Melvin (11), Michael Flores (12), Joshua Wachowski (9), Michael Buckman (10), Kunal Govani (10), Thomas Lozanoski (10), and Megan Durochick (10)



Dollars for Scholars

Front Row: Jonathan Ganiyu (12), Laura Herman (12), Quinlan Phalen (12), Vanessa Olson (9), Samantha Zdzinicki (9), Chadd Arnold (11) **Second Row:** Lucas Rey (10), Brittany Vanek (9), Jacob VanVuren (9), Jeremy Huisenga (9), Allyson Bogenrief (10) **Third Row:** Milana Katic (12), Anna Weber (10), Jessica Smith (9), Andrew Ballow (10), Grant McCormack (12) **Back Row:** Carl Reed (11), David Revoir (11), Javier Perez (10), David Nathaniel Walters (12), and Zachary King (10)

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Chess

Front Row: Courtney Scott (10), Amy Rupp (10), Corinne Wilschke (10), Jacob Kozel (10) **Second Row:** John Hemmerling (10), Brandon Bagherpour (9), Gabriel Moreno (11), Docter Dustin Verpooten **Third Row:** Daniel Fryfogle (11), Richard Stanger (10), Jeryl Burke (12), Joseph Rybicki (12), Nicholas Griffiths (11), Zachary King (10) **Back Row:** Charles Sayger (10), Kyle Grady (12), Blaine O'Neill-Perez (10), Grant McCormack (12), and Keertan Kini (10)



Varsity Girls Softball

Front Row: Jessica Haskins (11), Marissa Maluchnik (9), Alyssa Gallegos (11), Stephanie Mikolajczyk (12), Sarah Ranieri (12), Kaitlyn Ranieri (10) **Second Row:** Meghan Blais (12), Bridget Boyle (10), Kimberly Moreland (11), Julia Druzicki (10), Samantha Terry (11) **Back Row:** Mrs. Erin Zeller, Brooke Polus (12), Nichole Szczerbowski (12), Mr. Jeff Sherman, Nicholas Adams (11), Abigail Rauch (9), and Mrs. Stephanie Harnew



Junior Varsity Girls Softball

Front Row: Haley Loden (9), Kelsie Brezinski (9), Christina Castillo (9), Andriana Bribesca (9) **Second Row:** Meghan Blais (11), Ashley Hernandez (10), Alyssa Childress (9), Brookelyn Tucker (10), Grace Kelly (10), Taylor Inglis (9), Marissa Maluchnik (9) **Back Row:** Mr. Jeff Sherman, Keller Phalen (9), Ashley Voss (10), Mrs. Stephanie Harnew, Kayla Bishton (9), Morgan Franovich (10) and Mrs. Erin Zeller

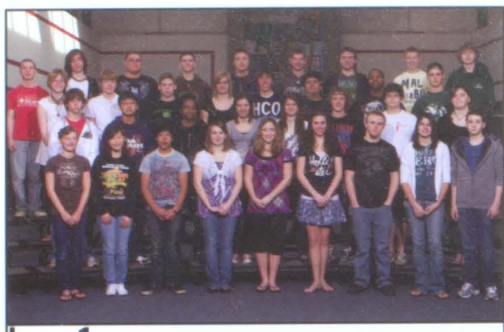
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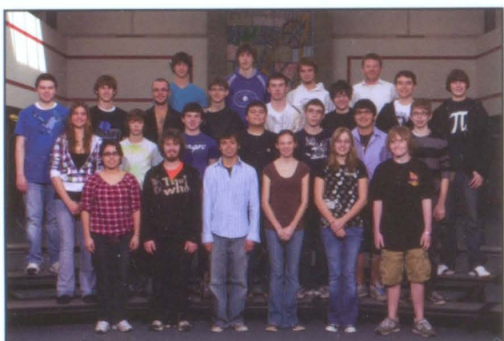
Boys Cross Country

Front Row: William Alms (9), Mitchel Bouma (9), Kyle Prisby (9), Michael Buckman (10), Matthew Spanier (9) **Second Row:** Jeremy Rech (10), Christopher Albright (9), Andrew Tocci (10), Phillip Applegate (9) **Third Row:** Casimir Radziejewski (10), Lucas David (9), Jacob Ponton (12), Randall Trembacki (10), Emmanuel Flores (10), Nicholas Lopacki (9), Alex Thompson (10), Erik Plesha (11), Nicolas Martinez (12), Jeffery Trembacki (12), Jonathan Sommer (12), Alexander Nottingham (9) **Back Row:** Mr. Jeff Rhody, Eric Hickok (11), Marc Gjeldum (10), Michael Karas (11), Kevin Horecky (12), Christopher Jelewski (12), Efrain Flores (12), Kennan Arvay (11) Mr. Rudy Skruopa



Jazz 1

Front Row: Hannah Zivkovich (9), Ashley Chung (10), Dennis Jashenski (9), Alissa Ludwig (10), Jamie Craine (10), Marisa Lareau (10), Raymond Heicher (11), Kaitlyn McCabe (11), Brennan Hunt (10) **Second Row:** Sean Michael Morgan (9), Brandon Chung (9), Annias Reed (9), Tyler Marshall (9), Jenna Guidotti (9), Daniel Shanks (9), Jason Borgetti (9), Megan Ludwig (9) **Third Row:** Lynne Kutka (9), Michael Chase (9), Edmund Krynski (9), Allison Anton (11), Kyle Crawford (9), Andres Morales (11), Steven Fondren-Mitchell (9), Isaac Mendoza (9) **Back Row:** Shawn Sprouse (9), Aaron Wojton (10), Alexander Sabatini (9), Christopher Zolp (9), Christian Danner (9), Brian Karwata (10), Trevor Nagy (10), Alexander Milaszewski (9), Matthew Heusman (9)



Jazz 2

Front Row: Nancy Bernal (10), Jacob Egli (12), Jack Whittle (12), Madison Carroll (12), Kristen Flens (11), Ryan Kluck (10) **Second Row:** Jacqueline Berg (11), John White (10), Anthony Giazzone (9), George Papanikolaou (10), Clay Springman (9), Kenneth Whittle (10), Timothy O'Connor (10) **Third Row:** Brett Kelly (11), Matthew Smith (12), Zenon Mills (12), Thomas Vienna (12), Matthew Schneider (11), Jerry Clemons (11), Jason Piercy (12), William Pollalis (10) **Back Row:** Maxwell Mills (10), Drake Mulcahy (10), Eric Tarnowski (11), Mr. Chris Harmon



Girls Swimming

Front Row: Madalyn Bobelenyi (9), Abby Stodolski (11), Alaina Rodriguez (12), Gianna Richardson (11), Andrea Schmidt (12), Amanda Palkovich (10), Camille Bobelenyi (11), Jessica Jorge (11) **Second Row:** Carlie Wilson (11), Lauren Bertossi (10), Samantha Pazak (12), Megan Plenus (12), Lauren Resendiz (12), Holly Sobun (10), Sara Kielbasinski (11), Abigail Hallow (10) **Third Row:** Anna Kacius (11), Jill Tharp (10), Sam Howes (12), Brittany Smith (10), Sarah Stidham (10), Allyson Bogenrief (10), Margaret Logan (11), Alexis Palkovich (12), Shelby Carroll (10), Tatjana Bobic (9), Mr. Todd Smolinski, Mrs. Lindsey Botha **Back Row:** Melanija Grozdanoska (9), Christine Murzyn (11), Elizabeth Markiewicz (9), Caitlyn Walters (10), Hallee Willis (9), Alaina Willis (9), Ashley Klein (11), Devin Moore (12), Brittany Bencur (12), Elissa Payonk (10), Assistant Alberto Trejo (12)

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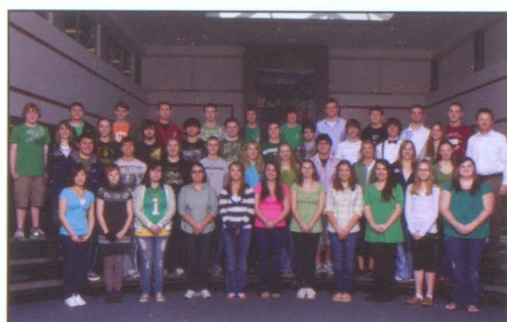
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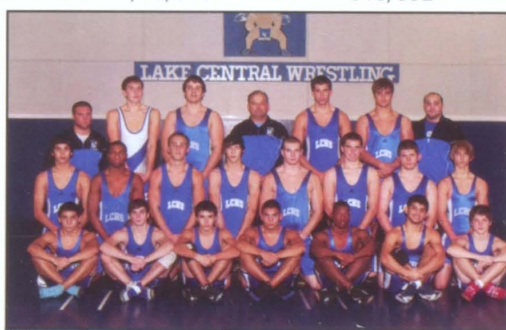
Winter Drumline

Front Row: Margaret Ryan (12), Elizabeth Kapocius (12), Alison Egli (9), Araceli Barrientez (11), Megan Rademacher (10), Lauren Wadas (10), Jessica Mikolajczak (9) **Second Row:** Lorenzo Giovane (10), Jacob Egli (12), Kaitlyn McCabe (11), Cody Gustafson (9), Daniel Sicinski (10), John White (10), Alexander Mamrila (9), Jasmine Christy (12) **Third Row:** Neil Morgan (11), Alexander Plys (11), Patrick Browne (10), Steven Fondren-Mitchell (9), Kenneth Whisenton (9), Joseph Finnegan (9), Mr. David Nelson **Back Row:** James Otic (9), Shay Fox (9), Alec Cook (11), Joseph Turman (11), Noah Malm (10), Dane Malm (12)



Wind Ensemble

Front Row: Ashley Chung (10), April Echlin (12), Veronica Jahenski (12), Nancy Bernal (10), Krista Tobin (10), Krista Gallatin (10), Stephanie Wojcik (10), Caroline Sieffert (10), Paige Dombrowski (10), Danielle Wiggins (10), Gretchen Calderone (11) **Second Row:** Bryan Lazeroff (12), Jack Whittle (12), Kayla Milcarek (11), Michael Gurney (11), Sarah Mitchell (12), Jessica Bouma (11), Kenneth Whittle (10), Grace Mertsching (11), Kristen Flens (11), Madison Carroll (12) **Third Row:** Audrey Bork (10), Alice Wasylowsky (10), Joseph Orzechowski (11), Brandon Henriksen (10), Brett Kelly (11), Ian Bartlett (11), Matthew Crytzer (12), Matthew Smith (12), Zenon Mills (12), Jacqueline Berg (11), Mr. Chris Harmon **Last Row:** Ryan Kluck (10), George Papanikolaou (10), Thomas Vienna (12), Steven Roviario (11), Matthew Schneider (11), Eric Tarnowski (11), William Pollalis (10), Johnathan Schulz (11), Daniel Deluca (12), Benjamin Ballas (12), David O'Donnell (11)

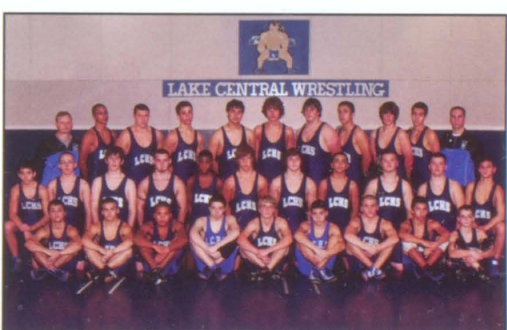


Varsity Wrestling

Front Row: Michael Escobedo (10), Bryan Smith (12), Brandon Lopez (10), Marc Escobedo (12), Kevin Dix (11), Jose Perez Jr. (12), Kyle Ayersman (10) **Second Row:** Ricardo Herrera (9), Timothy Starks (12), David O'Donnell (11), Jacob Pluskis (10), Nathan Dykstra (12), Benjamin Stutler (10), Seth-Lee Basler (12), Bradley Wartman (11) **Back Row:** Mr. Luke Triveline, Michael Karas (11), Vlade Nacovski (12), Mr. Rod Wartman, Joseph Turman (11), Patrick Biancardi (11), Mr. Michael Escobedo

Score Board

Michigan City	W- 47-30	Chesterton	L- 43-27	Merrillville	L- 50-21
Valparaiso	L- 38-37	LaPorte	L- 41-36	Portage	W- 43-27
Crown Point	L- 48-25				



JV Wrestling

Front Row: Faris Shatat (9), Tyler Buitron (9), Blaque Greene (9), Phillip Cohn (10), Justin Pitts (9), Robert Geyer (9), Michael Richardson (9), Matthew Lechowicz (9), Tyler Grzesik (9) **Second Row:** Connor McShea (9), Justin Wippo (9), Maxwell Hogg (9), Kevin O'Loughlin (11), Lavorist Davis (9), Matthew Madsen (9), Nicholas Dasaky (9), Dean Kokot (9), Kyle Carroll (9), Derek Carroll (9), Darius Arriaga (9) **Back Row:** Mr. Scott Hilyard, Caine Stachelski (9), Ryan Kozy (9), Dominic Cicchirillo (10), Isaac Popovich (9), Marc Gjeldum (10), Alan Maupin (10), Jacob Quintanilla (9), Zachary Zajac (9), Johnathan Rife (9), Mr. Gnaden



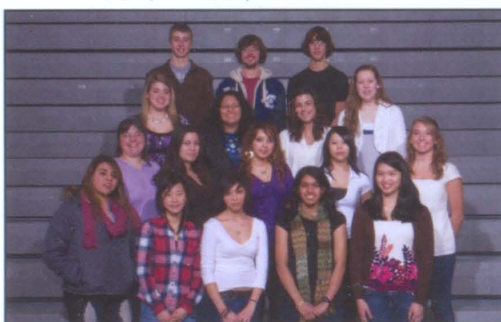
Quiver

Front Row: Megan Trincot (11), Christopher Perez (11), Jennifer Gamboa (12), Mrs. Sarah Verpoorten, Allison Mender (11), Michelle Sweeney (12), Jessica Moore (12) **Second Row:** Shannon Farmer (11), Emily Hogg (12), Scott Demir (11), Rebecca Kimberly (11), Stephanie St. Amour (11), Brittany Grzesik (12), Aniele Morris (12), Megan Lynch (11), Emma Harowski (11), Danielle Gioiosa (11) **Third Row:** Kim Feder (11), Alesea Candrea (11), Stephanie Slevnik (12), Lauren Resendiz (12), Caitlin Kowaleski (11), Jacquelyn Brazzale (11), Katrina Burgos (10), Sarah Seedt (11) **Fourth Row:** Elena Navarro (10), Lani Casteneda (12), Kai Ilin Westlund (11), Allison Dockwiler (11), Chelsey Banasiak (11), Justin Sieber (10), Katherine Skura (12), Chelsea Keith (12) **Fifth Row:** Trisha Tomincasa (11), Emily DeMato (12), Rachel Geise (10), Alaina Reynolds (12), Anthony Perez (10), Lucas Ray (10), Cesar Pulido (11) **Back Row:** Michael Robinson (12), Colleen McElmurry (11), Anna Weber (10), Cameron Sweeney (12), Megan Anderson (11)



French

Front Row: Grant McCormack (12), Kayla Greenwell (12), Michelle Sweeney (12), Brooke Carnahan (12), Daina Dangerfield (12) **Second Row:** Hannah Christensen (9), Kristeen Alexa (10), Emily Hendrickson (10), Alaina Rodriguez (12), Dennis Jashenski (9) **Third Row:** Melissa DeVoung (10), Sean McNabney (10), Mrs. Nancy Tilka, Elizabeth Barsic (10), Margaret Howe (10), Jessica Clemons (12) **Fourth Row:** Allison Cox (10), Nicole Toler (10), Justin Pavlina (11), Alexandra Dumezich (10), Bianca Bova (12), Daniel O'Connor (10), Phillip Stefanak (10) **Back Row:** Cesar Pulido (11), Miquan Scaife (12), Kyle Thorne (10)



Spanish

Front Row: Roxanna Delgado (10), Ashley Chung (10), Stephanie Calderon (11), Arthi Vezhavendan (11), Katrina Burgos (10) **Second Row:** Mrs. Polly Franklin, Carina Mendez (10), Iris Artega (10), Karina Munoz (11), Alexis Magnan (11) **Third Row:** Rebecca Sawicki (10), Araceli Barrientez (11), Ashley Wojcik (11), Anna Weber (10) **Back Row:** Noah Malm (10), Zenon Mills (12), Maxwell Mills (10)



Girls Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Kaley Marcink (12), Panagioti Manousopoulos (11), Lindsay Needham (11), Isis Thomas (11), Ashley Oreski (12) **Back Row:** Mrs. Lori Moore-Smith, Mrs. Angela Hamblin, Brooke Polus (12), Nicole Adams (10), Britney Tuskan (12), Jessica Bell (9), Carolyn Sandrick (11), Mrs. Leslie Iwema, Assistant Jacob Migler (9)

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Michigan City	W- 66-36
Highland	W- 62-36
LaPorte	W- 49-26
Munster	W- 45-41
Valparaiso	L- 49-63
Crown Point	W- 44-41
Chesterton	W- 56-48
Merrillville	L- 48-61
Portage	W- 49-29
Michigan City	L- 56-70
LaPorte	W- 70-30
Crown Point	W- 63-44
Lowell	W- 65-31
Merrillville	W- 66-48
Valparaiso	W- 36-31
Chesterton	W- 66-56
Portage	W- 46-43
Sectional	W- 56-42
Sectional	L- 37-44



Girls JV Basketball

Front Row: Angela Perez (10), Christina Miljevic (10), Panagioti Manousopoulos (11), Megan Bereda (10), Keller Phalen (9), Kara Polus (10), Stephanie Haddad (11) **Back Row:** Mrs. Angela Hamblin, Tamisha Crims (10), Nicole Adams (10), Assistant Jacob Migler (9), Hillary Campbell (10), Jessica Bell (9), Mrs. Leslie Iwema

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Griffith	W- 31-29
Michigan City	W- 38-22
Highland	W- 37-14
LaPorte	W- 56-16
Munster	W- 37-14
Valparaiso	W- 38-27
Crown Point	W- 23-20
Chesterton	W- 37-22
Merrillville	L- 40-36
Portage	W- 45-22
Michigan City	L- 34-27
LaPorte	W- 34-12
Crown Point	L- 27-35
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Scout

Front Row: Brittany Jones (11), Kelleigh Romba (12), Samantha Rechlicz (11), Michael Majchrowicz (11), Trisha Shanahan (11), Joshua Diebel (11) Second Row: Ami Sanghvi (10), Kimberly Lowe (10), Paulina Baczkowski (11), Monica Wartman (10), Grace Calderone (11) Third Row: Victor Marmolejo (10), Jeffrey Nottingham (12), Alyssa Fary (10), Courtney Jones (12) Back Row: Biljana Dosen (11), Evan Stahr (12), Milana Katic (12)



ITS

Front Row: Evan Stahr (12), Kaitlyn Boecker (12), Daina Dangerfield (12), Brooke Camahan (12), Shawn Beach (11) Second Row: Bridget Dedelow (10), Mariyah Balthis (12), Emily Hogg (12), Lori Stasinski (11), Megan Hammer (12), Samantha Dangerfield (10), Grace Calderone (11), Michael Nugent (12), Amy Rupp (10), Lisa Zandy (12) Third Row: Chelsea Keith (12), Jordan Butkus (12), Danielle Kulina (10), Benjamin Young (12), Jared Kullmann (12), Joseph Rybicki (12), Rebekah Kasper (12), Brittany Massie (12) Fourth Row: Tyler Mills (12), Ryan Beach (11), Matthew Shute (10), William Barry (10), Michael Flores (12), Kyle Granskog (10), Robert Starks (10), Kyle O'Connor (10), Andrew Ballow (10) Back Row: Mark Botterger (12), David Cybulski (12), Grant McCormack (12), Sean O'Brien (12), Milana Katic (12), David Nathaniel Walters (12)



Internship

Front Row: Jill Sanders (12), Alena Rau (12), Jillian Hansen (12), Hilary Genova (12), Carly Rodgers (12), Mariyah Balthis (12), Jessica Matus (12), Raquel Revis (12), Charity Newsome (12), Samantha Tarrant (12) Second Row: Emily Fanno (12), Melissa Gbur (12), Megan Halajick (12), Brittany Bencur (12), Valerie Hill (12), Shelby Peterson (12), Brittany Brady (12), Esteban Gutierrez (12), Keli Marx (12) Third Row: Katherine Gergets (12), Kaysha Vos (12), Matthew Radencic (12), Jacob Scarnavack (12), Sarah Niedzwiecki (12), Kegan Oldenburg (12), Michael Halloran (12), Robert Beemsterboer (12), Courtney Croft (12), Amanda Demulic (12) Back Row: Leith Hobbs (12), Brandon Byrd (12), Michael Nalezny (12), Michael Lambertino (12), Vincent Barker (12), Keith Holm (12), Tyler Perry (12), Anthony Lencioni (12)

Score Board

Kankakee Valley	W- 57-29
Valparaiso	L- 53-67
Crown Point	W- 51-47
Chesterton	W- 49-47
Merrillville	L- 45-81
Munster	L- 31-41
Portage	W- 81-63
Michigan City	W- 54-50
LaPorte	L- 53-64
Highland	W- 69-38
Crown Point	W- 57-47
Lowell	W- 52-41
Merrillville	W- 74-71
Chesterton	W- 63-55
Portage	W- 59-47
East Chicago Central	L- 51-61
Valparaiso	L- 33-72
Michigan City	W- 54-47
Hammond Morton	W- 66-43
LaPorte	L- 59-71
Sectional	L- 47-51



Boys Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Loai Issa (12), Austen Wagoner (10), Keith Thompson (12), Christopher Moon (10) Second Row: Zachary Gentz (10), Justin-Cory Nesbitt (12), Taylor Lehnert (10), Maxwell Faulkner (11), Mena Dous (11), Benjamin Sporman (12) Back Row: Assistant Richard Gard (10), Mr. Dave Milausnic, Mr. Jeff Sandor, Glenn Robinson (10), Leith Hobbs (12), Jahhim Easter (12), Mr. Marcus Jefferson, Mr. Mark Urban, Assistant Stevan Jevdovic (11)

Score Board

Kankakee Valley	W- 46-24
Valparaiso	W- 37-32
Crown Point	W- 44-36
Chesterton	L- 44-49
Merrillville	L- 41-57
Munster	L- 25-45
Portage	W- 34-26
Michigan City	L- 28-31
LaPorte	W- 47-30
Highland	W- 44-36
Crown Point	W- 37-35
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Merrillville	L- 36-43
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Front Row: Kyle Ruthrauff (10), Austen Wagoner (10), Jesus Diaz (10), Christopher Moon (10), James McNamara (10), Larry Payne (10), Marcus Rosselli (10) Back Row: Assistant Richard Gard (10), Mr. Dave Milausnic, Zachary Gentz (10), Taylor Lehnert (10), Daniel Pashen (10), Jonathan Sanchez (10), Zachary Bouche (10), Mr. Mark Urban, Assistant Stevan Jevdovic (11)



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Front Row: Amaya Starks (9), Kelli Grace (9), Jessica Winarski (9), Kaelin Pratt (9), Victoria Scott (9) Second Row: Ella Soltis (9), Emma Rogers (9), Taylor Flahive (9), Sarah Tano (9) Back Row: Elizabeth Mettache (9), Mary Dow (9), Jayne Kelley (9)



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Front Row: Lauren Morrison (11), Amanda Palkovich (10), Megan Rademacher (10), Brittany Perry (10), Melissa DeYoung (10) Second Row: Kate Mangiaracina (10), Laura Mills (10), Bobbie Schroeder (10), Brianna Thomas (10) Back Row: Rebecca Hill (10), Jack Huckelberry (10), Nicole Kinzel (10), Amanda Trichak (10)



Bells III

Front Row: Jennifer Magnabosco (11), Stephanie St. Amour (11), Kathleen Dienes (11), Megan Lynch (11), Rebecca Kimberly (11) Second Row: Courtney Mirkov (11), Rebecca DeYoung (12), Emily Haddad (12), Eryn Schweiger (11), Danielle Gioiosa (11) Third Row: Amanda Sefcik (11), Lauren Morrison (11), Allie Kobar (12), Ashley Wojcik (11), Katie Sexton (12) Back Row: Ariana Starks (11), Michelle Unhock (11), Brittney Komacsar (12), Stephanie Shrupryt (12), Alicia Moricz (12), Abigail Melvin (11)



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Front Row: Mr. David Nelson, Sarah Stidham (10), Hannah Zivkovich (9), Samantha Andrews (9), Ariene Leel (11), Carla Villa (10), Victoria McClain (9), Bradley Biegel (12), Aissa Ludwig (10), Dennis Jashenski (9), Jamie Craine (10), Brennan Hunt (10), Paige Paulas (9), Mr. Chris Harmon **Second Row:** Jessica Chavarria (10), Jennifer Carey (9), Elizabeth McClain (12), Holly Sobun (10), Jessica Gonzalez (9), Andrew Jansky (9), Sarah Kennedy (9), Amanda Dunlap (09), Alejandro Cervantes (9), Shawn Sprouse (9), Natalia Ruiz (9), Jenna Wozniak (9), Tyler Marshall (9), Allison Anton (11), Danielle Kowalewicz (10) **Third Row:** Peter Castillo II (10), Paige Panfil (9), Kyle Gorman (11), Samantha Brown (10), Kristie Adams (11), Kayla Mills (11), Carolyn Foltman (10), Stephanie Malinich (9), Brandon Chung (9), Sean Morgan (9), Martin Munoz (9), Eric Stromberg (9), Jesse Huisenga (10), Shannon Clark (9) **Fourth Row:** Anthony Giazzon (9), Lynne Kutka (9), Megan Ludwig (9), Joshua Schultz (9), Brandon Andryski (10), Mark Govert (9), Michael Chase (9), Robert Fitzsimmons (9), Nicholas Trevino (9), Zachary Rees (11), Regina LeVander (9), Alexander Hunter (10), Clayton Springman (9), Kyle Schulz (9), Brian Inglese (10) **Fifth Row:** Kyle Crawford (9), Samuel Bailas (9), Derek Alliss (9), Austin Potucek (9), Jonathon Barnes (11), Timothy O'Connor (10), Brian Hunter (9), Alexander Milaszewski (9), Matthew Heusmann (9), Tre Cummings (10), Ryan Karwatka (10), Stefan Tepic (9), Christopher Konopasek (10), Zachary Zajac (9), Zachary Owens (11), Alec Jimenez (10)



Symphonic Band

Front Row: Alexis Cain (9), Rachel Pruett (9), Nicole Pramuk (9), Jennifer Schafer (11), Samantha Batres (10), Nicole Dinelli (12), Natasha Massie (10), Darian Cooper (9), Rachel Stidham (9), Kristin Brumm (10), Alexis Molina (9), Victoria Santiago (9) **Second Row:** Angelina Cicchirillo (10), Jawanda Fields (10), Lauren Graves (11), Kaitlyn Brokop (9), Olivia Birlson (10), Emily VanderVelde (10), Jessica Krull (10), Colleen Triska (9), Natalie Rodriguez (9), Brianna Melendez (10), Jessica Berg (11), Elizabeth Avalos (11), Colin Young (9), Daryona Banks (10) **Third Row:** Catherine Baginski (11), Gina McDonnell (10), Anias Reed (9), Nicholas Campagnolo (9), Sachin Aggarwal (9), Dylan Scott (9), Mallory Hayes (9), Catherine Shaw (11), Erik Krol (10), Calyssa Collier (10), Cassara Collier (11), Bethany Znavor (10), Jill Kwolek (9), Anthony Cicchirillo (12), Alexandre Golden (10) **Fourth Row:** Daniel Shanks (9), Brittany Horgash (09), Christopher Albright (09), Maxwell Hogg (9), Adam Buss (9), Joseph Dorsch (09), Andres Morales (11), Robert Shaw (10), Matthew Payonk (10), Kyle Carroll (9), Isaac Mendoza (09), Mitchell Bouma (09), Isaac Cutts (09), Brittany Marlett (11), Jason Borgetti (9) **Back Row:** Gregory Flores (9), Malachi Robinson (9), Dominic Cicchirillo (10), Cody Collier (10), Edmund Krynski (9), Oliver Zahn (10), Alexander Sabatini (9), Jacob VanVuren (9), Trevor Nagy (10), Thomas Vienna (12), Christopher Barrientez (10), Christian Danner (9), Adam Hansen (12), Christopher Smith (9), Drake Mulcahy (10), Mr. Christopher Harmon



Gymnastics

Front Row: Jaclyn Schymanski (9), Darian Cooper (9), Emily Costello (9) **Second Row:** Katelynn Brown (9), Haley Bartolomei (10), Ashley Carstensen (12) **Back Row:** Mrs. Colleen Zick, Erin Zlotkowski (12), Anjelica Botts (10), Brittany Vanek (9), Hannah Davidson (9), Kaitlyn Moricz (9), Mrs. Myra Lolkema

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Michigan City	L
Portage	L
LaPorte	L
Lowell	W
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Freshman Class Cabinet

Front Row: Andriana Bribiesca (9), Shelly Shibu (9), Allison Wagner (9), Lauren Skertich (9), Jasmine Campbell (9), Kathryn Toth (9), Victoria Morales (9). **Second Row:** Marlo Owczarzak (9), Jennifer Niemzyk (9), Alexandra Miskus (9), Taylor Flahive (9), Kristina Dombovic (9), Anna Swan (9). **Third Row:** Jillian Ryan (9), Alexandra Troxel (9), Keller Phalen (9), Shannon Putnam (9), Anna Oppermann (9), Mark Crook (9), Zachary Kiepora (9). **Back Row:** Joshua Wachowski (9), Christopher Albright (9), Jeremy Huisenga (9), Ashley Roberts (9), Amber Piech (9), Amy Gerike (9), Brittany Vanek (9)



Sophomore Class Cabinet

Front Row: Margaret Howe (10), Abigail Hallow (10), Haley Shuman (10), London Martin (10), Katrina Burgos (10), Kristen Alexa (10). **Second Row:** Sarah Anderson (10), Allison Gabouer (10), Bridget Boyle (10), April VanMilligan (10), Jacquelyn Brazzale (10). **Third Row:** Anna Weber (10), Matthew Shute (10), Kurt Heerema (10), Megan Breda (10), Danielle Kulina (10), Karie Bogs (10). **Back Row:** Michael Daniels (10), Adam Wroughton (12), Charlotte Thesing (11), Andrew Ballow (10), Natalie Mularski (10), Lucas Rey (10).



Junior Class Cabinet

Front Row: Hannah Nava (11), Zoe Zantos (11), Megan Lynch (11), Brittany Jones (11). **Back Row:** Javier Perez (11), Cesar Pulido (11)



Senior Class Cabinet

Front Row: Leilani Castaneda (12), Melinda Lopez (12), Nikolina Ajder (12), Samantha Tarrant (12). **Back Row:** Nicole Kuehner (12), Emily DeMario (12), Lessie Reeves (12), Christie Callahan (12), Laurel Smith (12).

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MORE THAN JUST a number

And so the last few days seem like the first few. At a glance, it may seem like nothing has changed since August 20. After that final bell rings, we flood into our metal jungle of cars with a shining sun overhead again and with the same excitement that precedes a reignited summer full of trips to the Dunes and to Chicago. School has just let out; but only to resume later.

To the outside eyes that always peer in, we're still those same stereotypical, wild kids packed into a building for which funding just can't seem to be found.

But for students, 4,063 End of Course Assessments later, with 721 diplomas and all 170 vacated classrooms, with countless goodbyes and more than a few tears, everything on the inside of our pieced-together school has evolved over the last 180 days into something thicker and denser and full of more experience.

We have become the number that no one would ever expect us to become: one. We've broken the cliché. This year brought challenges beyond our 14-to-18 years with the passing of Mrs. Sandie Platt and Lucas Groves. When a fraction of us needs the whole, we're there. When Tessa DeSalvo (10) and John Decker (11) needed our help, we sold T-shirts, hosted benefits, joined Facebook groups and fundraised with lollipops, bake sales and bracelets.

But someone just driving by or reading the newspaper can't see that. They can't possibly see it all - all of us - see all that we stand up for: our school, our classmates, our teachers. Each other. They refuse to know us for anything more than rumors and statistics.

We've proved to ourselves that people are more than just a number and Lake Central is more than square footage. We know what truly matters, and someday we hope everyone else will too. But hey, who's counting?





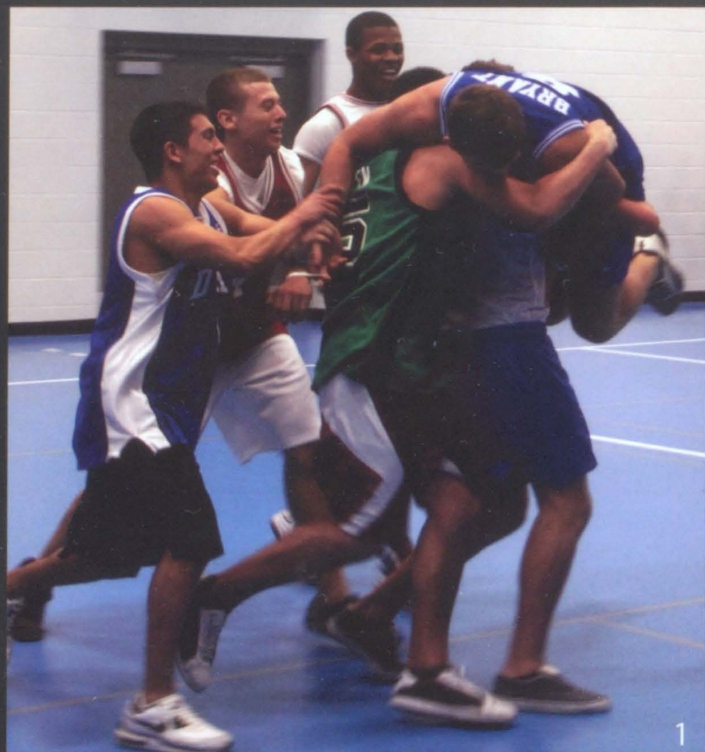
Shelby Carroll (10) adjusts a hurdle after a home track meet. The girls' track team won sectionals for the nineteenth year in a row this spring. Photo by: Megan Lynch



Jimmy McNamara (10) yells to get the rest of the JV boys baseball team pumping up for its home game. "Before every game, we had a pre-game ritual, or tradition, to get us pumped up. All the guys got in a circle and rocked back and forth. I got in the middle and danced and got them pumped up," McNamara said. Photo by: Jen Gamboa

Kris Buchcannon (12) sings while the rest of DaCapo gets "sea sick." The group's ensemble won a gold ranking in the state ISSMA competition for this performance. Photo by: Trisha Tornicase

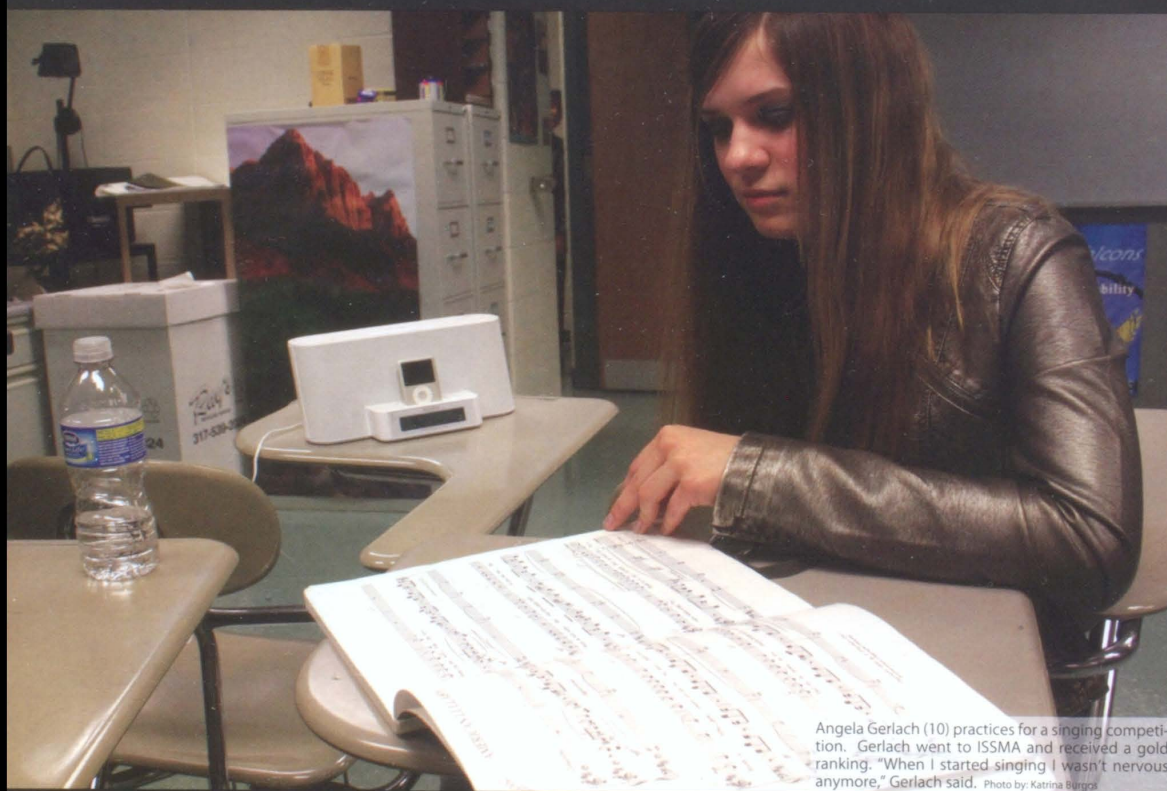
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Angela Gerlach (10) practices for a singing competition. Gerlach went to ISSMA and received a gold ranking. "When I started singing I wasn't nervous anymore," Gerlach said. Photo by: Katrina Bergos

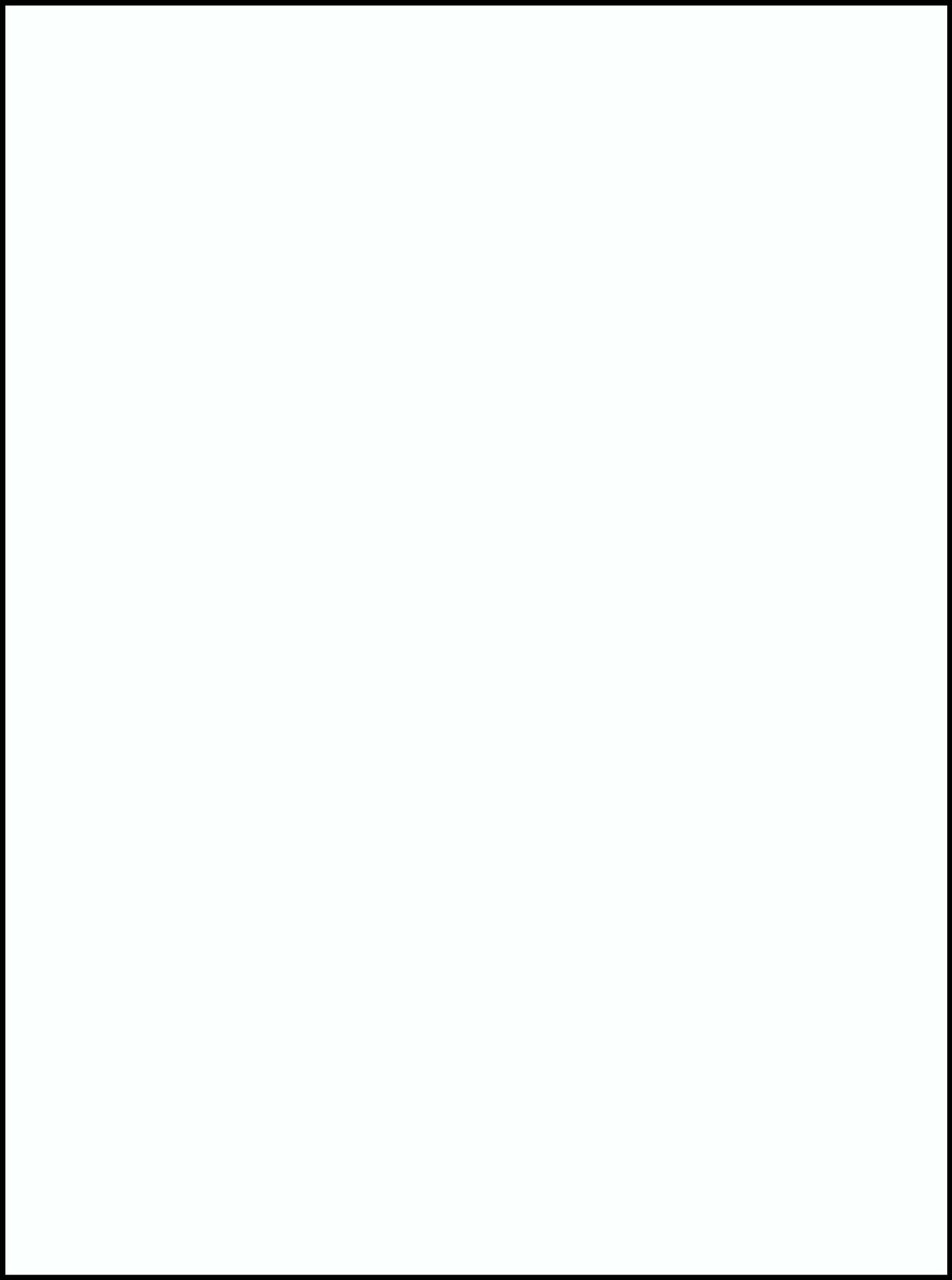


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Marc Escobedo (12), Benjamin Sporman (12), Jahmin Easter (12), and Loai Issa (12) lift Leith Hobbs (12). They were celebrating their Dodgeball tournament win. Photo by: Caitlin Kowalewski

Chris Mendez (12) cooks at the career center. The option of working at the career center is one of the options seniors have for scheduling. Photo by: Kim Feder

William Sasaki (10) walks away from the pitcher's mound. Sasaki pitched for a home game against Valparaiso. Photo by: Kim Feder



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